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### Speech and Drama or Public Speaking Tuition for Year 7 and Year 8 students in 2012

Dear Parents,

As you are aware Scots Prep School has run a very successful Oral Assessment Programme for students for a number of years. **This programme will continue to be offered to all Year 7 and Year 8 boys next year and in the future.**

As the year 7 and Year 8 will now become part of the Middle School, I would like to offer classes to the boys who would like to develop their presentation and performance skills further towards taking the Speech New Zealand Grade examinations. These exams are set to a national standard and cover a wide range of skills that can eventually lead to senior students sitting diploma examinations.

I have been offering this programme at year 9 to year 13 for the last fifteen years. Participation at years 7 and 8 would be a sound preparation to continue to more advanced levels in the Senior School.

The Speech New Zealand Syllabus offers two options.

Public Speaking covers the presentation of various types of talks including persuasive, informative, impromptu and social speeches, debating, vocal exercises and development, interview skills and meeting procedure as well as role play in various communication situations.

Speech and Drama covers vocal development, drama skills, improvisation and role play, storytelling, poetry speaking, literature appreciation and the presentation of a variety of types of talks.

The year 9 and year 10 boys also take part in an annual Drama Festival in May. This involves taking part in a five to seven minute drama performance for parents and allows the boys to develop their acting and vocal skills for an audience and to work as a group. An independent assessor provides a written report for each group and lapel badges are awarded. This has been a successful activity and a number of senior boys have continued through to year 13.

The Grade exams are generally taken in September before an independent assessor from Speech New Zealand who provides a written report for each student. A lapel badge is also available to successful students.

The Speech New Zealand syllabi can be accessed on [WWW.nzspeechbd.co.nz](http://WWW.nzspeechbd.co.nz) and will give an overview of the exam criteria on which lessons are based.

Attached to this letter is an enrolment form and an outline of classes. The enrolment form is also available on the Scots web site

Kind Regards,

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