

Memo

Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority

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Senior secondary

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Release of prescribed recorded live performance list for Drama external assessment in 2025

Purpose

To inform schools that the *Prescribed recorded live performance list: Drama external assessment 2025* is available.

Background

The QCAA developed the *Prescribed recorded live performance list: Drama external assessment 2025* in consultation with experts from the three schooling sectors, the tertiary sector, Drama Queensland, the State Library of Queensland, Aboriginal communities and Torres Strait Islander communities.

The list enables schools to select an appropriate recorded live performance to help prepare students for Drama external assessment in 2025.

The QCAA applies criteria for selecting and evaluating potential recorded live performances, including syllabus requirements and community standards and expectations. See 'Criteria for recorded live performances', on p. 1 of the list, for more information.

Information

For 2025, the recorded live performances are *Dust Pilgrim* by Red Leap Theatre, *The Wider Earth* by Dead Puppet Society and *Paper Sky* by Red Leap Theatre.

For Drama external assessment, schools only use the QCAA-specified recorded live production of the performance provided. Annotations, including a synopsis of the production and advice to schools, help schools select the recorded live performance/s that are appropriate to their contexts and cohorts.

Teachers should view the selected recorded live performance before studying it in class, to ensure they understand the content and can contextualise it for students.

Teachers should then provide opportunities for students to:

- engage with, and develop a thorough understanding of, the selected recorded live performance in class prior to the external assessment

- prepare to respond to an extended response question of their choice in the external assessment, which will contain an unseen visual or text-based stimulus related to the selected question.

Note: Students will not view the recorded live performance during the examination.

Access to the prescribed list

The *Prescribed recorded live performance list: Drama external assessment 2025* is available via the:

- [QCAA Portal](#) > Syllabuses app > All > The Arts > Drama 2019 v1.1 > View resources > Units 3 & 4 > External assessment
- QCAA website at www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/senior/senior-subjects/syllabuses/the-arts/drama.

What you need to do

Note the:

- release of the *Prescribed recorded live performance list: Drama external assessment 2025*
- requirement for teachers to select recorded live performance/s from the list to plan and prepare for Drama external assessment in 2025
- requirement for schools to communicate their selected recorded live performance/s via the Prescribed Lists app in the [QCAA Portal](#) early in 2025.

Finding out more

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