

*Social Skills Drama Program Semester 1, 2017*

January 30, 2017

Dear Parents,

Social Skills Drama is a program that uses drama games and role play to teach social skills and self-confidence in a safe and creative small group environment (4 or 5 students), and has been offered at MECS for the past 14 years. Choice Learning and Social Lights provide the program to MECS. Parents, teachers and students themselves anecdotally report a significant improvement in social skills, behaviour management and confidence.

Each session consists of three main components that assist students in addressing the above aspects: conversation skills, non-verbal cues and role-plays. Through this program, students are provided with skills to successfully manage a number of everyday situations, including:

- conflict
- meeting new people
- friendly conversations
- anxiety
- losing at games
- sharing and taking turns
- appropriate skills for the workplace (for senior students)
- identifying and expressing emotions

Students are invited to join the program in Semester 1, 2017. Students are enrolled **for a semester (2 terms)** as this is more beneficial to their progress. Parents will be charged for the semester rather than termly, however the price is the same per lesson. MECS recognises the positive impact of the Social Skills Drama program, and has subsidised the program for a number of years.

Students who have previously participated benefit from the ongoing nature of the program. Generally programs run for 10 - 12 weeks per semester, depending on the school term program with camps and other activities. In Semester 1, a 12 - week program will be offered.

**Term 1 Dates:** Thursday February 16 & 23, March 2, 16 & 30.

**Term 2 Dates:** Thursday April 27, May 4 & 25, and June 1 & 8.

**Cost: \$240.**

If you would like your child to attend in Semester 1, please indicate this on the form and return it to the main office by **Thursday 9 February**. If you have any questions, requests or suggestions, please contact me at school by telephone (9738 6000) or email [sgillie@mecs.vic.edu.au](mailto:sgillie@mecs.vic.edu.au).

Blessings,

*Shirley Gillie*

Shirley Gillie  
(PS Education Support Coordinator)

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We give permission for our child to participate in the Drama for Everyday Life program, 2017.

Semester 1 (\$240)

Payment will be made by:-

cheque (enclosed)       cash (enclosed)       include on next fee statement

Student name: ..... Class: .....

Signed: ..... Date: .....

(Return to Shirley Gillie, Primary/Kinder Education Support Coordinator)