ELECTIVE SUBJECT: Two Semesters

WHY STUDY LANGUAGES?

As Australians, studying a second language presents us with the opportunity to enhance and further develop our identity as lifelong learners and members of a global community. Learning a second language enriches the educational, intellectual, personal, social and cultural development of students and has the potential to improve the quality of their participation in a rapidly changing world.

THE BENEFITS OF LEARNING LANGUAGES FOR INDIVIDUALS ARE EXTENSIVE. THEY INCLUDE:

- extends an individuals’ capacity to communicate, not only in the target language, but in also literacy, cognitive and life skills
- strengthens a learners’ knowledge and understanding of the fundamentals of languages, culture and communication processes
- builds a personal capability of understanding, respect for difference and diversity, openness to alternative perspectives and experiences which ultimately develops a sense of global citizenship
- maintains a healthy mind by providing challenging learning experiences!
- expands one’s future university study and career options

Continuing to Senior Language study at St Patrick’s College

Students who wish to continue their Language study at St Patrick’s College need to choose their Language each semester to ensure they are fulfilling prerequisite requirements.

If students wish to be eligible to go to New Caledonia or Japan in Year 10 they need to study French or Japanese every semester!
Semester 1  FR512 - French - Mon école, mes loisirs, ma maison et ma ville
The focus of this unit is to describe the likes and dislikes in relation to sports and hobbies, as well as research what past-times are popular in France. Students will compare and contrast the Australian and French education systems. Study will then move onto designing their own dream house as well as studying house types in France and throughout the Francophone (French-speaking) world.

Semester 2  FR510 - French - La nourriture et les festivals
Why have the French gained a reputation for having world-class cuisine? The focus of this unit is to discover the importance of food in French culture. There will be cooking and recipe writing in this unit. Students will then investigate the many festivals and celebrations on the French calendar.

Semester 1  JA563 - Japanese - 日本の過去と現在 - Japan’s past and present
Have you ever wondered what the daily life of a Samurai or Ninja is like and how this compares to modern daily life? The focus of this unit will be study into Japan’s history, concentrating on the feudal period of war, samurai and ninja. It will then move onto present day Japan. Schooling will also be the key area of study with a comparison of the Japanese and Australian education system.

Semester 2  JA561 - Japanese - 祭りに食べに行こう - Let’s go and eat at the festival
Japan’s festivals are some of the most vibrant and exciting celebrations in the world, filled with food, music, dancing and fun! The focus of this unit will be the study of the various festivals which occur each month. The activities and ceremonies of each festival will be discussed. Students will also look at food, which is a very important part of the Japanese culture. They will be exposed to a variety of Japanese dishes and will cook some wonderful festival food!