

# LANGUAGES

## 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:



Extending an individuals' capacity to communicate, not only in the target language, but also in literacy, cognitive and life skills.

- Strengthening a learners' knowledge and understanding of the fundamentals of languages, culture and communication processes.
- Building a personal capability of understanding, respect for difference and diversity, openness to alternative perspectives and experiences which ultimately develops a sense of global citizenship.
- Maintaining a healthy mind by providing challenging learning experiences!
- Expanding 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.

### **Semester 1 FR620 - French - C'est la vie - The French way of life**

The focus of this unit is to delve further into the French way of life. Students will learn to describe their daily routines and a typical week. They will read about other teenager's lives in France and compare it to their own. Students will start to think about the future and discuss their ambitions and plans. They will then study tourism in the French-speaking world and learn about other French speaking countries and develop a travel itinerary.

### **Semester 2 FR623 - French - Qu'est-ce qui s'est passé?**

This unit centres on a number of topics. Students will learn about health issues that affect people in France and Australia. The focus of the unit will then move onto the past – discussing what students did on the weekend/holidays and talking about how things used to be in the past. They will learn about comic books in France as well as study some French cinema.

### **Semester 1 JA670 - Japanese - 日本とオーストラリアへようこそ！ Welcome to Japan and Australia**

Japanese tourists' total expenditure in Australia in 2013 was close to \$1.5 billion! This figure is expected to double in the next few years. This unit will focus on tourism both in Australia and Australian tourism in Japan. The various landmarks and incredible tourist destinations in Japan will be a key aspect of this unit of study. Students will be able to plan their big trip to Japan during this unit!

### **Semester 2 JA672 - Japanese - 漫画での未来 - The Future through Manga**

Students will look to the future whilst also recognising their journey during their time at Mercy College Mackay. This unit will focus on their future plans and aspirations. Occupations and goals will be a key area of study. This unit will be studied through the Manga genre.