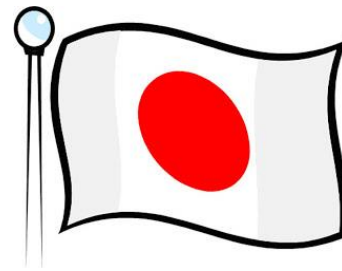


Japanese



- Japanese is a scripted language. This means the students will be learning a new alphabet in their first 12 months of study. This alphabet is phonetic (the sound of the letter and the name of the letter is the same).
- Spoken Japanese is very easy to learn.

COURSE ORGANISATION:

Languages will be studied over 2 semesters.

- Year 7 Semester 2: Introduction to French (7FREN)/Japanese (7JAPA)
- Year 8 Semester 1: Continuation of French (8FREN)/Japanese (8JAPA)

By the end of the 12 month course of study students will be able to use their language to communicate about themselves, their friends and family. They will be able to respond to familiar questions and directions as well as ask for help or clarification. They will be able to describe their appearance and character. They will notice differences between the target language and compare this to English. They will adjust language to suit contexts and situations and respond in culturally appropriate ways.

POSSIBLE LEARNING EXPERIENCES:

Students will participate in a wide range of learning experiences and activities in their chosen course of Language study. These include:

- writing about themselves and others
- speaking about themselves and others
- reading short texts in the target language
- listening and responding to short texts in the target language
- revision of learned vocabulary and sentence patterns through online quizzes, games and competitions
- singing songs
- performing stories and plays

Assessment

Teaching and learning in Languages is centred upon 2 strands:

- **communicating** - using language for communicative purposes in interpreting, creating and exchanging meaning; and
- **understanding** - analysing and understanding language and culture as resources for interpreting and shaping meaning in intercultural exchange.

Continuing in Year 9 & 10

Students should be aware that they can continue studying their chosen Language from Semester 1 Year 9 and each semester thereafter. The Languages Department highly recommends that students continue to study their Language units consecutively to ensure success and consistency.

Units available Semester 1 Year 9 are:

- Year 9 French – sports, hobbies and my house
- Year 9 Japanese – Japan's past and present