

## Japanese

Japanese is a Board Developed Course

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Be Part of the “Global Conversation” and Be Ready for the Future: Sharpen Your Language Learning Skills. Japanese has been identified as one of the priority languages in the Asia-Pacific region to be taught in Australian schools and Japan is a gateway to other Asian cultures. Knowing Japanese will set you apart from the crowd. The Japanese are innovators, designers, and creative engineers in cultural exports and Japan is one of Australia’s favourite holiday destinations.

Japanese provides opportunities for students to engage with the linguistic and cultural diversity of the Japanese-speaking community. Through learning Japanese, students develop communication skills, gain insights into the relationship between language and culture, leading to lifelong personal, educational and vocational benefits. The study of Japanese provides students with opportunities for continued learning and for future employment, both domestically and internationally, in areas such as commerce, tourism, hospitality and international relations.

Studying Japanese can increase conscientiousness, personal responsibility, and dependability - the ability to act in a principled, ethical fashion - skill in oral and written communication - interpersonal and team skills - skill in critical thinking and in solving complex problems - respect for people different from oneself - the ability to adapt to change - the ability and desire for lifelong learning.

### **Course content:**

Students are provided with the opportunity to expand their active vocabulary to practice listening and speaking, to express their ideas in written form and to gain a greater understanding of the people and their culture. Students may have the opportunity to host a Japanese student to enrich their speaking skills.

### **Using Language**

Students will develop the knowledge, understanding and the listening, reading, speaking and writing skills necessary for effective interaction in the Asian Language.

### **Making Linguistic Connections**

Students will explore the nature of languages as systems by making comparisons between the Japanese Language and English, leading to an appreciation of the correct application of linguistic structures and vocabulary.

### **Moving Between Cultures**

Students will develop knowledge of the culture of Japanese-speaking communities and an understanding of the interdependence of language and culture, thereby encouraging reflection on their own cultural heritage.

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