

JAPANESE

The study of Japanese contributes to student personal development in a range of areas including communication skills, intercultural understanding, cognitive development, literacy and general knowledge. Learning and using an additional language encourages students to examine the influences on their perspectives and society, and to consider issues important for effective personal, social and international communication. It enables students to examine the nature of language, including their own, and the role of culture in language, communication and identity. By understanding the process of language learning, students can apply skills and knowledge to other contexts and languages. Learning a language engages analytical and reflective capabilities and enhances critical and creative thinking.

The study of a specific language exposes students to different experiences and perspectives at a personal level. The study of Japanese provides students with the ability to understand and use a language that is spoken by approximately 128 million people worldwide. The study of Japanese provides students with a direct means of access to the rich traditional and popular culture of Japan.

There are three prescribed themes for study in VCE Japanese Second Language:

- The Individual
- The Japanese speaking communities
- The world around us

These themes have a number of prescribed topics and suggested subtopics. All the themes and topics are to be studied over the course of Unit 1- 4.

Unit 1 Japanese

AREAS OF STUDY:

- Interpersonal communication
- Interpretive communication
- Presentational communication

OUTCOMES:

On completion of this unit, students should be able to:

1. Exchange meaning in a spoken interaction in Japanese
2. Interpret information from two texts on the same subtopic presented in Japanese and respond in writing in Japanese and English.
3. Present information, concepts and ideas in writing in Japanese on the selected subtopic and for a specific audience and purpose.

ASSESSMENT:

Suitable tasks for assessment in this unit will be designed based on the outcomes above.

Unit 2 Japanese

AREAS OF STUDY:

- Interpersonal communication
- Interpretive communication
- Presentational communication

OUTCOMES:

On completion of this unit, students should be able to:

1. Respond in writing in Japanese to spoken, written or visual texts presented in Japanese.
2. Analyse and use information from written, spoken or visual texts to produce an extended written response in Japanese.
3. Explain information, ideas and concepts orally in Japanese to a specific audience about an aspect of culture within communities where Japanese is spoken.

ASSESSMENT:

Suitable tasks for assessment in this unit will be designed based on the outcomes above.