

JAPANESE

HOW WILL I BENEFIT FROM STUDYING JAPANESE?

Students who learn another language develop cognitive flexibility and problem-solving ability which can be applied not only when problems and solutions are clearly evident, but also when critical thinking and creative approaches are required.

Because of Australia's location within the Asia-Pacific region, it is becoming increasingly important for young Australians to be able to converse with people in their own language. Japan provides Australia with its largest overseas market and opportunities in commerce, technology, law, health care, international relations, tourism, and education are available to students who have a knowledge and understanding of Japanese language and culture.

The range of job opportunities is constantly expanding within the established trade and business links between Australia and Japan. Knowledge of Japanese will establish a career advantage for young Australians. Learning Japanese is a fun and challenging experience that gives plenty of opportunities to develop linguistic skills, as well as a greater understanding of an intriguing culture.

WHAT ARE THE TOPICS IN YEAR 8?

Learning the Japanese language in Year 8 is contextualised through the following themes:

- Japanese Dishes
- My Friends
- Family
- Teenage Culture in Australia and Japan
- My Town
- My Week
- Daily Routine
- School

WHAT IS THE ASSESSMENT?

- The four macro-skills of Japanese (reading, writing, listening, and speaking) are assessed in test form
- Comprehension (listening and reading) is tested at least once per semester
- Conveying meaning (speaking and writing) is also tested at least once per semester