

Languages

Learning Area Overview

The learning and teaching program at Kilbreda College is both dynamic and innovative, catering for the students' spiritual, academic, social, emotional and physical development. Students are challenged to be creative, critical and reflective thinkers and to develop a broad and transferable skill set. Opportunities for both independent and collaborative learning are provided and contemporary technologies are integrated throughout the learning and teaching program.

At the College, learning a language is seen as the gateway to becoming better global citizens with a broader understanding of the world, its people and cultures.

Learning a language enhances learners' literacy and cognitive development using analytical and higher order thinking skills and provides a context for critical thinking, collaborative learning, problem solving and decision making.

In Year 7 students choose to study two of the three languages offered. In Year 8 they elect which language they would like to continue to study and they are encouraged to continue studying this language throughout their time at the College.

Students have access to web-based programs to underpin and extend their enjoyment of language and can participate in numerous competitions throughout the year.

There are many excursions and incursions for students studying a language that include a visit to the NGV Japanese collections and the Italian Museum in Carlton. VCE students also attend the French and Italian Film Festivals and exam preparation days.

A highlight of studying a Language is the opportunity to experience one of the international study tours that the College offers.

Languages Curriculum

The Languages curriculum includes a range of core subjects and electives, both semester based and year long.

YEAR 7	YEAR 8	YEAR 9
Core Studies – Semester Based	Core Study – Year Long	Core Study – Year Long
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• French*• Italian*• Japanese*	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• French• Italian• Japanese	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• French• Italian• Japanese
YEAR 10	YEAR 11	YEAR 12
Elective Study – Year Long	Elective Study – Year Long	Elective Study – Year Long
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• French• Italian• Japanese	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• French 1&2• Italian 1&2• Japanese 1&2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• French 3&4• Italian 3&4• Japanese 3&4

*Students choose two of the three languages to study in Year 7 only. From Year 8, one Language is chosen.

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Cocurricular and Enrichment Opportunities

- France Study Tour (every second year)
- Italy Study Tour
- Japan Study Tour
- Languages Club (Culture and Conversation)
- *Italian Poetry Competition*
- Japanese Calligraphy Workshop
- *Education Perfect Languages Championships*
- *JTLAV Poster Design Competition*

Annual Events

Languages Week

A dedicated week planned by Languages staff along with the Languages student leaders, that highlights the Learning Area and encourages participation from all students in the College.

There are activities every day at lunchtime for students to participate in whilst using their imagination, being creative and having fun.

Cooking Lessons

One lesson per semester to learn how to prepare French, Italian or Japanese Dishes.