

Languages

Through the study of German and Japanese, all students acquire communication skills in the language being learnt, setting them up for success as global citizens. Language learners develop an intercultural capability, an understanding of the role of language and culture in communication and a capability for reflection on language use and language learning.

Junior Secondary: Languages

At Maryborough State High School, our Junior Secondary Languages program broadens students' horizons in relation to the personal, social, cultural and employment opportunities that an increasingly interconnected and interdependent world presents. Despite its status as a world language, a capability in English only is no longer sufficient. A bilingual or plurilingual capability is the norm in most parts of the world, such as Finland, Germany and Japan.

Learning languages:

- Extends the capability to communicate and extends literacy repertoires
- Strengthens understanding of the nature of language, of culture, and of the processes of communication
- Develops understanding of and respect for diversity and difference, and an openness to different experiences and perspectives
- Develops understanding of how culture shapes world views and extends learners' understanding of themselves, their own heritage, values, culture and identity
- Strengthens intellectual, analytical and reflective capabilities and enhances creative and critical thinking

Why are Languages important?

'Bilingualism' is the second of thirty Enterprise Skills in demand amongst job advertisers in Australia. It has a growth rate of 181% in the proportion of job advertisements requesting potential applicants who are bilingual. ('The New Basic: Big Data reveals the skills young people need for the new work order.' Exhibit 3, page 11, 2015.) Language capabilities enable young adults in the community to engage socially, culturally and economically in domains which include business, trade, science, law, education, tourism, diplomacy, international relations, health and communications.

