GERMAN

German is spoken as a first language by over 160 million people and is widely used in trade, science and tourism. Germany has the largest economy in the European Union and is therefore a significant player in the world economy. Learning German at school gives students access to the language and social world of the people of Germany, Austria and Switzerland, opening the doors to the fascinating life of a historically rich and culturally diverse group of countries.

German language students will follow a range of interesting themes which are connected to their everyday life; friends, family, hobbies, school, travel. Up to date language materials are specifically designed for Australian school students to enjoy and IT skills are integrated. Current language expressions are used so that students can gain confidence and begin to communicate in real situations. Special aspects of German culture are also integrated into the course: German sport, German History, German celebrations. Students are also encouraged to enter competitions, participate in performances and access student exchanges and school tours.

Creativity is an important part of the junior German course. Students gain satisfaction from integrating their language and cultural knowledge to produce language products individually and in groups. Students can thus experience and appreciate the practical applications of their learning.

The Junior course provides students with a sound background in modern spoken German, leading them to more advanced study in the Senior School.

NOTE: *2 Unit and Extension HSC language courses are a continuation of the Junior courses. Therefore, students wishing to present these subjects at the HSC must have studied them as a Junior elective.*

Students considering certain university courses such as Liberal Studies and International Studies should note that a language is a prerequisite and must be included in the degree.