

JAPANESE

This is not a Context or Language in Literature course – these students can be accommodated by Saturday schools or the NSW School of Languages

Japan is one of Australia's main trading partners and one of the biggest contributors to our economy and tourism industry. Japanese pop culture, fashion, food, media and music influence our own youth popular culture. An understanding of Japan's language and culture gives us the opportunity to broaden our links with Japan and to continue to develop strong bonds of friendship between the two countries.

Japanese comes to life through communication in real situations and an exploration of cultural understanding. The academic course is supported by a number of activities including Japanese assistants, supporting students in all year levels and enhancing conversational skills and inter-cultural understanding. Other activities include visits from Japanese students, exchanges and hosting, as well as a variety of competitions and excursions.

Cultural and background issues are essential to the course and are integrated into the units of study. Through investigating the background and history of the Japanese people, students can identify the similarities and differences with their own culture and come to a greater understanding of this fascinating country.

The Junior course provides students with a sound basis in Japanese language, including Hiragana, Katakana and basic Kanji which they can continue to develop 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.

