

# Kalamunda Senior High School An Independent Public School

# **Languages Program** (LOTE)



The Language Program is designed to develop linguistic ability, but also students gain an understanding of other societies and have opportunities to interact with people from cultures other than their own.

All students in secondary schools must study a language other than English and at Kalamunda Senior High School students have the choice of:

Indonesian, Italian or Japanese.

# **Learning a Language Other Than English (LOTE)**

- Promotes intellectual development
- Enhances vocational prospects
- Improves communication skills
- Helps students to develop their understanding of other cultures
- Helps in understanding the structure of their own language



Kalamunda Senior High School has established Sister School relations with two schools in Japan. Each year Japanese students visit Kalamunda Senior High School for a two week period of activities with our students. Each year there is a Japanese Assistant Teacher in the school and there is extra native speaker tuition for Year 11 and 12 students



There are regular trips to Japan for students studying Japanese, trips to Malaysia for students of Indonesian and trips to Italy for students of Italian.

In 2011 Kalamunda Senior High School received a \$30,000 federal grant to become an Asian Language Hub school to form links with local primary schools in order to promote Asian languages at our school and local area primary schools.

# **Primary School Links**

Academic extension programs for primary school students have been established for Indonesian and Japanese.

A link with the Japanese classes at Greenmount Primary School and Kalamunda Senior High School is well established.



#### **Links with TAFE**



Students in Year 10 can complete Certificate II in Applied Language and in Years 11 and 12 they can complete Certificate III in Applied Language from Central Metropolitan TAFE. These courses emphasise the practical application and vocational use of languages.

## **Pathway to University**

The study of languages in Upper School:

- Provides a firm foundation for language courses at University and TAFE
- Enhances career prospects in many professions, notably business, commerce, engineering, journalism, law, mining and teaching.

## Ex Kalamunda Students exploring the world ...



Amelia was teaching English in Japan.



For Isabelle, learning a language was a pathway for her to attend school in Japan and live with host families.

# Immersing our students in other cultures ...





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