

LANGUAGES (LOTE)

Learning another language increases our knowledge of the world, of how others think and also of our own language. At Dickson College we offer a choice of **Chinese, French and Japanese**, which can be studied for one year, or for two, by beginners, continuing and advanced students. We also offer **Latin** for beginners in both years 11 and 12.

Chinese

China has the world's oldest continuous civilisation. Its culture is fascinatingly different from our own: students enjoy learning about life in a country very different from the West. As contacts between China and the West increase rapidly, there are greater opportunities than ever before for learning about China and Chinese. What is happening in China will affect the whole world politically, economically and culturally. Students learn about Chinese literature, history, education, politics and culture, including customs, food, daily conversation, and Chinese habits. Students listen, speak, read and write in the language they are learning, and do a variety of assessment tasks such as creative responses, writing tests and listening/oral tests. Activities include domestic and international excursions, learning Taichi, Chinese traditional calligraphy, paper cutting, and Chinese music.

French

French is spoken by 170 million people worldwide. France is the most visited country in the world. French is also an official language of many organisations including the International Olympic Committee and the United Nations. If you are interested in learning a second language, either for professional reasons or just for personal enrichment, consider French. Regarded as one of the most beautiful spoken languages, French can be an asset to your future career, and it will enhance your travel experiences in French-speaking countries. Learning French is an intellectually and personally enriching achievement that will open your eyes to a new Francophone culture worldwide. The two year course at Dickson College covers four themes which encompasses various units such as French popular culture, social issues and education and aspirations.

Japanese

The program is a vibrant celebration of culture and language, enriching learners to view the world from an intercultural perspective. The supportive and fun learning environment is augmented by a variety of specialist guest speakers, engaging excursions and

technologically assisted exchange with the global community. By embracing the traditional aspects of Japanese language and culture, students are inspired to be a part of the new generation of Japanese popular culture, which both respects and harmonises with the Japan of the past and contributes to the Japan in the future. We learn about the heart of Japan “yamato damashi” and how we can interact responsibly and enthusiastically as global citizens. Students have the opportunity to engage in a variety of rich learning tasks including cooking, calligraphy, the arts, debating with scholars, exchanges, numerous external competitions and a variety of annual events at the college using Japanese. Students quickly acquire the scripts and relevant kanji characters through engagement with four themed units during the two year major: The Individual's Experience, Society and Community, The World Around Us and Lifestyle and Traditions. So what are you waiting for?

Latin

Apart from the fact that learning a language is fun and exciting and that you will impress any adult when mentioning that you study Latin, you also might consider some of these facts: our civilisation comes directly from that of the Romans and their influence is all around us in government, medicine, law, and literature. Latin is alive in many English expressions and around 60% of our words have Latin roots. Learning Latin teaches you more about English while helping with the learning of other languages. Many European languages are related to Latin and you will find it much easier to learn languages such as Italian, French, Spanish, Portuguese and German with a solid Latin foundation. Lessons will include games and fun activities while excursions will complement your learning process. Units to be covered over this two year course will be: Everyday Life, Roman Myths, Life and Politics and Family Life and Philosophy.

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For full unit descriptions and information about gaining a major or minor in subject areas
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