Languages at Essendon Keilor College

At Essendon Keilor College, your child’s language education matters. We have a sustained record of providing excellence in language education. From 2004 to 2007 we were a language Centre of Excellence and in 2012, we were the lead school in a DET language development cluster.

The benefits of Language Study include:
- Improved VCE scores
- Improved literacy in English from studying another language
- Improved cognitive (thinking) abilities
- Expanded job opportunities

Over the course of first term Year 7 students have experienced an introduction to both Japanese and Italian respectively.

Year 7 Language Survey
This survey is to discover information regarding your student's interests, their previous experience with learning a language and the language spoken at home. Towards the end of term, we will make a recommendation as to which language your son or daughter should study for the remainder of Year 7 and beyond. In most cases, if students have studied Italian or Japanese in primary school, we will be recommending they should continue this language in secondary school.

Year 7 students will be allocated a language based on students’ choice, their language teachers’ recommendation and the availability of places in that language. It may not be possible for everyone to get the language they choose.

On the attached survey form, please write which language/s your child studied in Primary School. Then tick the box which shows which language your child would prefer to continue to study throughout Years 7, 8 and 9. Whichever language students are allocated, they will study it until the end of Year 9. After that, in Year 10 and beyond, students can choose to continue their language study or they can elect to stop studying a foreign language.

Please feel free to contact me or one of the Year 7 language teachers (Ms Kamimura or Ms Berezdecky) on 8331 0109 should you require further information.

Yours sincerely,

Mary Donaldson
Campus Principal
Languages at Essendon Keilor College

Year 7 Language Survey

When students make their choice, they should try not to think too much about the teacher or what their friends are doing. They should try to choose the language they prefer.

Student’s Name: ___________________________ Form Group: __________

Name of Parent/Guardian: __________________________________________

Contact phone number: ___________________________________________

1. Language/s studied in Primary School: ____________________________

2. Language spoken at home ____________________________

3. Language Preference for the remainder of Year 7, Year 8 and 9

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4. Please tick a box below.

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Additional reasons for your preference (optional)

Parent/Guardian Signature: ___________________________ Date ______