JAPANESE

SUBJECT OUTLINE:
Students will study Japanese through a modern curriculum encompassing both formal and everyday language functions with an emphasis on immersion style learning. Students will continue to develop proficiency in the three forms of Japanese script, and advance their comprehension and conversation skills. Learners will be provided opportunities to engage in activities focussing on providing authentic ideas, situations and experiences to best facilitate their language learning.

Core Skills Taught:
• Engage with a range of spoken and written texts
• Process, summarise and organise information and ideas from different sources or texts
• Convey information
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• Organise, construct and present simple, cohesive spoken and written texts
• Participate in intercultural experience to notice, compare and reflect on language and culture
• Reflect on and evaluate the suitability of language choices in familiar contexts
• Reflect on learning to identify new understandings and future applications

AREAS OF STUDY
Students develop and learn new language through study of the following units:
Unit 1: Let’s party
Unit 2: New School
Unit 3: Seasons and Weather
Unit 4: Friends and Fashion

ASSESSMENT OUTLINE:
Each semester students will be exposed to tasks assessing the four key language learning areas of reading, writing, speaking and listening. Assessment tasks endeavour to remain authentic with the students exposed to real-life scenarios to display their abilities:
Term 1: Listening – Let’s Party; Speaking – Let’s Party – Role Play
Term 2: Reading – School Life; Writing – Letter to Yoshiyuki
Term 3: Listening – Favourite Season; Speaking – Weather Report
Term 4: Reading – Mitsuko’s Friends Writing – Entertainment Article

CAREER PATHWAYS:
There are so many jobs where having skill with a second language would be an absolute advantage. Some include: hospitality, tourism, pilot/air host, customs, law, business, chef, secretarial work, teaching, translating/interpreting, hotel service, nursing, computer programming, real estate, journalism, police, military, public relations, and politics.

EXTRA CURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES:
❖ Participate in overseas tours organised by school staff
❖ Participate in student exchanges – both long and short term
❖ Host visiting students during home stays in Cairns
❖ Language and essay competitions
❖ Act as buddies for visiting international students

STUDENT REQUIREMENTS/PREREQUISITES:
It is suggested that students selecting this subject have some previous knowledge / experience with learning Japanese, however this is by no means a mandatory requirement. Learning a language requires enthusiasm, diligence and patience. Students studying Japanese must have a positive attitude and actively participate in classroom activities and discussions. Homework and independent study outside of school are essential for becoming a successful language learner.