HEAD OF DEPARTMENT:  Mrs Tanya Ballantyne  
SUBJECT COORDINATOR:  Nick Smith

SUBJECT OUTLINE:
Students will study Japanese through an exciting and modern curriculum encompassing both formal and everyday language functions with an emphasis on immersion style learning. Students will improve their comprehension skills with real conversations in the target language, and develop their composition skills through a variety of reading and writing tasks. Learners are encouraged to engage in activities with a focus on providing authentic ideas, situations and experiences to best facilitate their language learning.
At Redlynch State College there is a heavy emphasis on making language learning fun! Using a variety of games, technology, authentic resources, and dynamic activities, LANGUAGES balances a challenging and beneficial course of work with the enjoyment of learning about an amazing country. The units of study covered in year 9 are:
- Let’s Party (Making Plans) - Seasons
- Moving - Let’s Go To Dinner
- New School - Friends and Fashion

CONTRIBUTES TO OP: N/A

ASSESSMENT OUTLINE: Throughout the course students will be assessed on their listening, writing, reading and speaking abilities. Comprehension (listening, reading) is assessed through in-class tests, while composing (writing, speaking) is measured through project based assessment. Projects are designed to be fun and engaging, and allow students to display their understanding in a creative and unique way.
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 – Fashion Article

CAREER PATHWAYS:
Hospitality: retail, tour guide, air host, events manager; Teaching: (Australia, JPN), tutor;
Business: interpreter, liaison, international relationships, pilot; Government: politician, embassy staff, international programs and coordination, military.

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

COSTS: General costs are covered in the Student Resource Scheme.

STUDENT REQUIREMENTS/PREREQUISITES: It is suggested that students electing this subject have some previous knowledge / experience with learning Japanese.
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.