



PDHPE/Music  
and Language

# LANGUAGE



## WHY LEARN A SECOND LANGUAGE?

- Learning a second language increases your cultural awareness and allows you to appreciate cultural differences
- Knowledge of a second language helps with employment opportunities
- Learning a second language will help a students study and understanding of English
- Students extend their thinking and reasoning skills and apply these in other areas of learning and in processing knowledge (Delitt, 2002)
- Learning languages is central to developing and using multiple intelligences (Delitt, 2002)
- Using more than one language is a skill of the highest order (Delitt, 2002)
- Students will be able to relate to their local society and culture as well as being able to operate globally (Delitt, 2002).

## LANGUAGE CLASS AT HOLSWORTHY

- At Holsworthy High School we offer the opportunity to study **Italian** from Year 8 to Year 12.

- Our language programs incorporate ICT skills, games, songs, role plays, class presentations, film studies and speeches. Students also produce various text types in each language such as writing letters, emails, diary entries and sms. Within the language program students will develop four key skills: Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing.

### Stage 4 — Year 8

Is a compulsory year of language study where students will learn Italian

### Stage 5 — Year 9 & 10

Language becomes an elective. Students can choose to study Italian

### Stage 6 — Year 11 & 12

Students can continue to study their chosen elective from Year 9 & 10 or commence their study of Italian in the Beginners Stage 6 courses.



Throughout Stage 4, 5 and 6 students will study Italian in the following areas...

- Family and Friendships
- Fashion
- Travel and Holidays
- Future Plans and Aspirations
- The Personal World
- Celebrations and Festivals
- The Italian Speaking Communities
- Food
- School Life in Italy
- Hobbies
- Sport
- Life in Italy
- Italian and Culture
- Shopping

## ASSESSMENT

At Holsworthy we use a variety of assessment tasks to assess students learning and cater for different learning abilities. They vary in content, length and degree of difficulty to suit syllabus requirements for the 3 stages of High School language: Stage 4, 5 and 6.

Assessments include:

- Formal Exams—covering listening, reading, speaking and writing skills
- Written Research Assignments
- Class Presentations
- Speeches
- Group Role Plays
- Informal Class Vocabulary Tests
- Informal Class Practice Tests
- Homework Tasks



## EXCURSION OPPORTUNITIES

Excursions better enable the students to experience the culture of their studied language. They are a way to provide a “hands on” taste and to bring a piece of Italy to the classroom. At Holsworthy, we offer the following:

- Club Italia
- Leichhardt Italian Heritage Walking Tour
- Gelato Factory
- Italian Restaurants
- Italian Film Festival Cinema Excursion
- Commedia Dell’Arte Play Incursion
- Italian Language Teachers Association Disco & Camp
- University language open days
- HSC study days
- Pen pal opportunities
- Possible trips to and exchanges with Italy

## LANGUAGE QUOTES

“Languages shape the way we think and determines what we can think about” - Benjamin Lee Whorf

“One language sets you in the corridor for life. Two languages open every door along the way” - Frank Smith

“You can never understand one language until you understand at least two” - Geoffrey Willans

“A different language is a different vision of life” - Federico Fellini

“Knowledge of languages is the doorway to wisdom” Roger Bacon

“Language is the road map of a culture. It tells you where its people come from and where they are going” - Rita Mae Brown

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