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Taylor's Lakes
SECONDARY COLLEGE

Languages

Giving your child a competitive edge for the future....

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Why study languages?

The study of Languages equips your child with many valuable skills necessary for their full participation in an increasingly global society. These skills include:

Enhancing your child's communicative ability:

Effective communication in another language is premised on an ability to relate to people from diverse backgrounds and cultures. The study of Languages fosters students' awareness, appreciation and understanding of their own and other cultures and also improves their self expression and self confidence.

Promoting a wider world view:

Students become aware of the interrelatedness of languages and cultures, through comparison and reflection. In this way language learning contributes to the development of interculturally aware citizens. The study of Language initiates students into the wider civilization and culture that surrounds them.

Enhancing your child's thinking processes:

The study of Language requires the learner to move outside their own culture and engage in the critical comparison and analysis of their first language and their second language. This requires students to engage in deep, reflective and creative thinking.

Enhancing your child's career opportunities: The majority of the world does not speak English, which quickly becomes apparent when travelling overseas. Furthermore, the majority of business transactions are not conducted in English. In the world of business there is a great demand for bilingual and multilingual workers.

Languages at TLSC: A gateway to the world...

Japanese 7-12

The college introduced Japanese in 2005 in response to a growing demand in the community. Japanese has grown rapidly and is now embedded into the VCE program at TLSC.

CURRICULUM: JAPANESE

Students of Japanese will participate in a variety of language learning activities that emphasise the acquisition of listening, speaking, reading and writing skills. The use of ICT features prominently in the curriculum and students use a variety of applications including MovieMaker; Quizlet; Skype, Blogging and online language games. Students can also experience cultural activities such as playing traditional games, origami and calligraphy.

Japan Study Tour

Since 2007 students at TLSC have had the opportunity to travel to Japan. During the two week tour students are immersed in both Japanese language and culture and participate in a variety of experiences, including homestay. Students visit the ancient temples of Kyoto, evidence the devastation of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and experience the hustle and bustle of Tokyo. Students also glimpse life as an adolescent in Japan during their time at our sister school, Mito Junior High School.

Italian 7-12

Italian has long been an established language at the college and its popularity continues to grow. Students are able to study Italian to a Year 12 level and we have had four trips to Italy since 2010. These Italian trips enabled staff and students to experience Italian culture and language. Students have visited places like: Rome, Pompeii, Pisa, Florence, Venice, Milan, The Amalfi Coast, Sicily and Reggio Calabria.

One of the highlights of the trip was visiting a town called Molochio where students commented "That was REAL Italy". In 2019, TLSC were involved in a Homestay program with students and staff from "Il Liceo Manfredi Azzariti" from Rome. This involved students from Italy staying with TLSC students and their families for a week. The plan is to have the Italy trip and Homestay program to run on alternate years with the next trip planned in 2020.

CURRICULUM: ITALIAN

Students will extend their understanding of spoken and written Italian by listening to native speakers and songs, viewing video excerpts, reading authentic language texts such as magazines and participating in activities that will help students communicate their ideas in Italian. ICT is also used regularly throughout the learning.

Our Sister School Relationships

In 2006 we established a sister school relationship with Mito Junior High School in Aichi Prefecture, Japan. Every second year TLSC hosts Mito Junior High and our students are given the opportunity to interact with Japanese students and develop their language skills in an authentic context. Interested families are able to host an exchange student for the duration of their week long stay. In 2011 an Italian sister school relationship was set up with a school in Rome where students have exchanged real life experiences.