

JAPANESE

The Japanese curriculum aims to develop the knowledge, understanding and skills to ensure that students can communicate in Japanese with an understanding of the relationship between language and culture. They initiate and maintain interactions in written and spoken Japanese using increasingly sophisticated grammatical structures and further develop their knowledge of kanji. Students create texts for different audiences, purposes and contexts, identifying and making adjustments when transferring meaning between languages and cultures. Students reflect on communication, identity and culture.

This year long course assumes that students have studied Japanese at Year 9 level.

Students will learn:

- **Socialising:** With support, students initiate and sustain interactions, using both rehearsed and spontaneous language.
- **Informing:** Using a range of texts, students will access and analyse information and present it appropriately.
- **Creating:** Students create and present informative and imaginative texts, taking into account audience and purpose.
- **Translating:** Students translate and interpret texts, making adjustments when transferring meaning between languages and cultures.
- **Reflecting:** Students participate in intercultural interactions and reflect on communication, identity and culture.
- **Systems of language:** Students identify the functions of different scripts within texts. They extend their understanding of both grammatical structures and text types and use metalanguage to describe and compare language features and rules of sentence construction.
- **Language variation and change:** Students recognise variations in language use that reflect different social and cultural contexts, purposes and relationships. Furthermore, they will learn that languages change over time through contact with other languages and cultures.
- **The role of language and culture:** Students will explore the relationship between language, culture and communication and how this impacts on attitudes and beliefs. They will recognise and explain how the Japanese language carries embedded cultural information, such as the prioritising of collective well-being, respect and harmony.