

GERMAN

The German language is a pluricentric language with different national standards in Austria, Germany and Switzerland, and with regional varieties across Europe. As intercultural communication continues to be an essential skill in the 21st century, students who study German at Viewbank College gain the ability to communicate in a language spoken by over 140 million people around the world.

UNIT 3

Students who have previously studied Units 1 and 2 of German continue to build on the foundations of previous year levels to express their thoughts, ideas and emotions through complex grammatical structures and organised, extended texts. Students consider the influence of language and culture in shaping meaning and reflect on the practices, products and perspectives of the cultures of German-speaking communities. They also reflect on how knowledge of German and German-speaking communities can be applied in a range of context beyond the classroom environment.

AREAS OF STUDY & OUTCOMES

Outcome 1 (Interpersonal Communication):

On completion of this unit, students should be able to participate in a *spoken exchange in German to resolve a personal issue*.

Outcome 2 (Interpretive Communication):

On completion of this unit, students should be able to *interpret information from texts and write responses* in German.

Outcome 3 (Interpersonal Communication):

On completion of this unit, students should be able to express ideas in a *personal, informative or imaginative piece* of writing in German.

PRESCRIBED THEMES AND TOPICS

- *The individual* (personal identity, relationships, aspirations, education, careers);
- *German-speaking communities* (cultural heritage, historical and contemporary perspectives, lifestyles in German-speaking communities)
- *The world around us* (global societies, communication and media, and the influence of science and technology)

UNIT 4

As students complete their final VCE unit of German, they identify and reflect on cultural products or practices that provide insights into German-speaking communities and German culture. Cultural products or practices can be drawn from a diverse range of texts, activities and creations. Students reflect on the ways culture, place and time influence values, attitudes and behaviours. They consider how knowledge of more than one culture can influence the ways they and others relate to each other and function in the world.

AREAS OF STUDY & OUTCOMES

Outcome 1 (Interpersonal Communication):

On completion of this unit, students should be able to *share information, ideas and opinions in a spoken exchange in German about a cultural product or practice*.

Outcome 2 (Interpretive Communication):

On completion of this unit, students should be able to *analyse information from multiple texts to use in a written response in German* with a specific purpose and audience.

Outcome 3 (Interpersonal Communication):

On completion of this unit, students should be able to present information, concepts and ideas in *evaluative or persuasive writing on an issue in German*.

END-OF-YEAR EXAMINATIONS

The end-of-year external examinations for VCE German students are:

- Oral Examination
- Written Examination