

# VCE FRENCH



## Why study French?

The study of French develops students' ability to understand and use a language which is widely learned internationally, and which is an official language of many world organisations and international events.

The ability to use and understand French also provides students with a direct means of access to the rich and varied culture of francophone communities around the world.

## France-Germany Cultural Exchange

- ⇒ Students have the great opportunity to travel to Switzerland, Germany and France for a 6 week cultural and language trip.
- ⇒ Students will experience a range of touristic and cultural activities for a week:
  - In Switzerland: Zurich, The Swiss Alps, Engelberg, Lucerne.
  - In Germany: Munich, Dachau concentration camp memorial, Neuschwanstein Castle.
  - In France: Paris' highlights—Eiffel Tower, Louvre Museum, Notre-Dame, Arch of triumph, Sacred Heart Basilica.
- ⇒ Students will then experience 5 full weeks in immersion staying with French/German host families, going to the local high-school and experiencing Christmas in Europe.

**The study of French contributes to the overall education of students, particularly in:**

- ⇒ Communication
- ⇒ Cross-cultural understanding
- ⇒ Literacy
- ⇒ General knowledge.



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**Our ROLE is to empower learners for individual, community and global leadership.**

**We value Respect, Optimism, Learning and Environment.**

## Curriculum and assessment



- ⇒ Students learn to communicate using French in a variety of ways in different situations.
- ⇒ They must become proficient in the four language skills; listening, reading, writing and speaking as well as have accurate grammar and an extensive range of vocabulary.
- ⇒ Students are assessed each semester from 3 or 4 tasks which can include listening, reading, writing and speaking Outcomes.
- ⇒ Students are marked according to fluency, accuracy of vocabulary and phrases, pronunciation and intonation, and appropriate use of complex grammatical structures.

## French and the ATAR score

Many students undertake French in years 11 and 12 due to the benefits of VTAC scaling for their ATAR Score. Students learning French for this purpose need to be aware that ***it is important to achieve well in all aspects of their language course*** in order to gain any advantage. A study score of at least 30 will result in the maximum amount of points being awarded.

## Some specific careers where French can be used

**Commerce:** Banking, business consulting, financial services, import-export, marketing, sales

**Education:** International student services, library science, research, study abroad administration, teaching

**Government:** Armed forces, customs and immigration, foreign service and diplomacy, intelligence gathering and analysis

**High Tech:** Computers and information technology, software development, telecommunications

**Media:** Advertising, journalism, publishing, public relations, translation and interpretation

**Travel:** Air transportation, hotel and restaurant industry, travel and tourism



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