

# VCE GERMAN



## Why study German?

The study of German develops students' ability to understand and use a language which has long been recognised as a world language of culture, music, theology and philosophy, as well as a key language in the fields of science, medicine, economics and technology.

As well as being extensively used within communities in Europe, Latin America, the Far East, and Africa there is a significant German heritage within Australia.

## 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.



## Curriculum and assessment



- ⇒ Students learn to communicate using German 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.

## Career

German-speaking countries have emerged as strong international leaders in trade, commerce and politics, and the ability to communicate in German, in conjunction with other skills, enhances students' opportunities in a wide range of vocational areas.

## German and the ATAR score

Many students undertake German in years 11 and 12 due to the benefits of VTAC scaling for their ATAR Score. Students learning German 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.

### The study of German contributes to the overall education of students, particularly in:

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



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