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Subject Selection Information

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Faculty: LANGUAGES

Subject: Japanese – Beginners/Continuers

NOTE: For any other language, see Mr S in the library for distance education options

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Classification of the Course:

Category A

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Nature of the Course

Beginners – The Japanese Beginners course provides students with the opportunity to develop their linguistic and intercultural knowledge and understanding, and the speaking, listening, reading and writing skills to communicate in Japanese. Topics covered provide contexts in which students develop their communication skills in Japanese and their knowledge and understanding of language and culture.

Continuers – The Japanese Continuers course provides opportunities for students to further develop their skills and knowledge of Japanese. Through tasks associated with a range of texts and text types, students gain an insight into the culture and language of Japanese-speaking communities through the study of a range of texts.

Many universities give bonus points to students who have studied a language to Year 12 level—these bonus points raise your Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR).

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HSC Exam: Yes

Length of Exam:

Beginners - 2 hours 30 minutes + 5 minute oral

Continuers - 3 hours + 10 minute oral

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Internal Assessment Structure

Year 11
3 tasks (one of which is a examination)

Year 12
4 tasks (one of which is the HSC Trial examination)

Combination of Reading, Writing, Listening and Speaking tasks

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Elective fees for the Course:

$20 (possibly higher if workbook needs to be purchased)

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Skills Required for this subject and/or any Prerequisites:

Japanese Beginners

- Students have had no more than 100 hours' study of the language at the secondary level (or the equivalent) [ie. studied only in Years 7/8 at KHS].
- Students have little or no previous knowledge of the language.

Japanese Continuers

For those students who studied Japanese in Years 9 and 10 provided:

- Students have had no more than one year's formal education from the first year of primary education (Year 1) in a school where the language is the medium of instruction.
- Students have had no more than three years residency in the past 10 years in a country where the language is the medium of communication.

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Career Opportunities

Japanese will help students develop skills which will help them in the following career paths:

Tourism
Hospitality
Education
Translator/interpreter
Journalist/writer
Employment in Japan