

INFORMATION SHEET

Languages at SPW



2018

LOTE (Languages other than English) at SPW Information for Participants and Parents/Caregivers

Guten Tag and Konnichiwa

LOTE (Languages Other than English) at SPW is well underway for 2018 with all Foundation to Year 3 students participating in the German program and Year 4 to Year 7 students studying the Japanese curriculum.

LOTE encourages students to be interested and positive in their attitudes and understanding towards other people's values, ways of thinking and culture of communication.

The inquiry-based languages program at SPW fosters students interest, connection and celebration of the diverse world around them and is a program upon which international mindedness can flourish. As the German and Japanese teachers we are passionate about delivering an intercultural languages program that is relevant and meaningful for the students. We believe that guiding students with authentic ways to use foreign languages in our everyday life, both inside and outside curriculum time, will help achieve the IB Mission Statement to "develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect."

Students are encouraged to explore, experiment and interact in the targeted languages. Throughout the year students will be assessed using the Australian Curriculum Achievement Standards with a positive approach given to the idea of language learning being a lifelong experience. In class students will participate in a variety of learning activities including songs, games, role plays, speeches, vocabulary and grammar development, script writing, interaction with technology and cultural experiences along with excursions and incursions.

Visits and interaction opportunity with native speakers will further excite students and their connections to the relevance of intercultural language learning. Throughout Term 1 we will have visits from Hiroshima University student-teachers and in Term 3 we will be hosting staff and students from our sister school in Japan. We will continue our Skype meetings with our sister school in Japan also. The German excursion to Hahndorf in Term 1 explores the local historical connections to the German settlers and the influence of the language and culture. Students have the opportunity to interact authentically in German on this excursion with local German speakers.

The amazing German and Japanese classrooms at SPW are a spectacular setting for students to indulge in cultural and language immersion; please feel welcome to visit and experience for yourself our Japanese traditional *tatami room* and magical fairytale inspired German classroom.

Please contact us with any enquiries about your student and their involvement in the LOTE program here at SPW.

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