



YEAR 7 LANGUAGE SELECTION

To be completed and returned upon enrolment submission

Student Name: _____	
Primary School: _____	
Parent/Carer Signature: _____	Date: _____
Please indicate in order from <u>1 – 3</u> your student's language preferences:	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Chinese <i>(No previous knowledge of a language necessary)</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	German <i>(No previous knowledge of a language necessary)</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Spanish <i>(No previous knowledge of a language necessary)</i>

All Year 7 students must study a Language subject, however the number of classes formed will depend on staffing, i.e. the number of teachers who teach Chinese, German and Spanish. You are therefore required to indicate your language preference. While your language preference will be considered, the determining factor will be staff availability. Please see the Curriculum booklet on our website for further information on the three languages.

YEAR 7 CHINESE (ONE SEMESTER)

The official language of China, Modern Standard Chinese-Mandarin is the most widely spoken language in the world. Chinese will provide students with a unique opportunity to study a character-based language, which is quite different from their own. Moreover, the practical language skills that students develop should increase their opportunity for employment in many fields and their experience during travel in other countries. Students also have access to computer programs to enhance their learning, including Audacity, to record their speaking, the MDBG website to practice writing, Edublogs to make their website and Movie Maker to make their own movies, enhancing language development.

YEAR 7 GERMAN (ONE SEMESTER)

The study of German, through student-centred tasks/activities, allows students to achieve a range of language outcomes. Regular computer access enhances understanding, enjoyment and overall literacy skills. Language learning increases students' self-esteem and their problem-solving abilities. These skills will enhance students' employment prospects. The study of a language helps prepare students for careers in a vast array of different areas.

YEAR 7 SPANISH (ONE SEMESTER)

Spanish is the official language in 21 countries and is widely used across a number of others, including the United States and Brazil. Over 426 million people around the world speak Spanish as their first language.

The study of Spanish will give students the opportunity to develop their communication skills, an understanding of the relationship between language and culture, and the capacity to foster positive attitudes toward other cultures. The practical language skills that students develop can help open doors to future pathways and careers in a diverse array of fields. Students have access to computer programs including the use of online language tools and other programs which enhance their individual learning.