

LANGUAGES AT SIENA COLLEGE

Learning a language can be both challenging and rewarding. It enriches students as it opens up their perspectives and introduces them to new ways of thinking and viewing the world through different lenses. Language learning not only improves communication and comprehension skills but fosters an appreciation of other cultures and enables them to engage in the global community.

At Siena College, we offer students the opportunity to study Chinese, French and Italian. Our languages curriculum not only teaches students how to read, write and speak the languages themselves but through cultivating an understanding and appreciation of the language they study, they explore their own cultural identity, gaining insights into what it means to live in a multicultural community.

Throughout their language learning journey, students actively participate in listening, speaking, reading and writing activities that begin with being able to talk about themselves and their immediate world, to other topics of interest. Students learn the grammatical conventions of writing. In Chinese this may include the character strokes, assisted by pinyin (the Western alphabet), while in French and Italian they will focus on tenses and gender. Students also work towards using accurate pronunciation and intonation when speaking.

Technology plays an integral role in our language classes. Our students use digital resources for interactive activities and research and explore various forms of media to enhance their interest and proficiency in languages.

As part of their language learning experience, students may have the opportunity to take their language learning beyond the classroom by participating in overseas language tours or exchanges.

Languages are offered and studied to enable sequential acquisition of the selected Language

- **Year 7 (Compulsory)**
Two languages are studied, one in each semester. Towards the end of the year, students select which language they would like to continue with in Years 8 and 9.
- **Year 8 (Compulsory)**
Students study their selected language for the entire year.
- **Year 9 (Compulsory)**
Students continue to study their selected language for the entire year.
- **Year 10 (Optional)**
Students can choose to continue with their language into their Senior years.
- **Years 11 and 12 (Optional)**
Students can continue with their language through VCE Units 1 to 4

