

JAPANESE

The study of Japanese provides access to the language and culture of one of the global community's most technologically advanced societies and economies. Students engage with elements of modern Japan, including popular culture such as anime, manga, music and fashion, as well as with the rich cultural tradition of this part of Asia. The ability to communicate in Japanese provides incentives for travel and for more meaningful interactions with speakers of Japanese, encouraging sociocultural understanding between Australia and Japan, and cohesion within the Australian community.



Stage 4

In Stage 4, students interact with others in Japanese to exchange information and ideas on topics of interest, and engage in collaborative tasks and activities that involve making plans and arrangements. They compose informative and imaginative texts for different audiences, and create bilingual texts and learning resources for the classroom.



Students learn to read and write hiragana and some kanji. They explore connections between language and culture in particular words, expressions and communicative behaviours, recognising values that are important in Japanese society. They share their reactions to intercultural experiences, considering how ways of communicating and expressing identity are shaped by the values and beliefs of a community.