

Aiming High

Showing Respect

Being Safe

Valuing Community

LANGUAGES POLICY

Purpose

To ensure students at MLs P12 College have access to language programs. It is the intention of the college to build a greater language program at the school.

Scope

This policy applies to all students at Manor Lakes P12 College.

Policy

At P-6:

- At P-6 cohorts are offered 1 x session per week of Japanese, Indonesian or Hindi lessons at the start of the year/upon enrolment.
- With guardian consent - students nominate their language preferences, however classroom teachers have the final decision
- Where a wait list is applied, adjustments are made in the timetable the following Semester to accommodate additional students.

At 7-12:

- At 7-12 cohorts are offered session 6 Japanese, Indonesian and Hindi lessons at the start of the year.
- With guardian consent - students nominate their language preferences
- Session 6 language classes are then formed around student demand

At VCE:

- The VCE language program is being developed – as it builds up from P12
- Currently students can access languages through:

VCE Complementary providers

Victorian School of Languages (VSL)

The VSL is a government school which complements the provision of languages in out-of-school-hours programs in over 45 languages, usually on Saturday mornings. The VSL also offers distance education courses in approximately 11 languages to secondary students who do not have access to language programs in their mainstream schools for reasons such as remoteness, medical disability and travel.

Principal endorsement is required for a student wishing to enrol in a VSL Distance Education program.

For more information see: [Victorian School of Languages](#)

Community Language Schools

Community language schools are not-for-profit, community-based organisations which provide out-of-school-hours language programs in over 40 languages for school-aged children.

The Department provides annual per capita grants of \$215 for eligible students enrolled at accredited community language schools. These grants are paid directly to the students' community language school. For more information see: [Community Language Schools](#)

Department resources

For more information on languages education see: [Languages Education](#)