

# Why Study German?

German is the official language of Germany, Austria and Liechtenstein, the most widely used of Switzerland's four national languages and the official language of trilingual Luxembourg. In all, over 100 million people speak German as their first language.

Germany is a member of the Group of Seven (G7) nations consisting of the leading industrial powers in the world and it is one of Australia's major trading partners. Many Australian companies do business in German-speaking countries and, at the same time, many German firms have subsidiaries in Australia.

German-speaking countries play a major role in the arts. Additionally, countries where German is spoken have a rich cultural history encompassing many aspects of literature, art, architecture and film.

Australia, and Brisbane in particular, has a long and continuing tradition of German immigration. During the 19th century, Germans constituted the largest non-British minority group in Queensland, establishing European settlement in places such as Nundah, the Wide Bay district and the Fassifern and Brisbane valleys, where towns such as Minden and Marburg reflect this heritage.

The large number of German-speaking tourists and exchange students provide Queensland learners with opportunities to use German in real-life situations and, by the same token, provides employment opportunities.

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# Year 7 German



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## Why Learn a Language Other Than English?

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Young people need an education that equips them to participate in and engage with an increasingly globalised world. Learning languages provides many benefits for students, including:

- Proficiency in a language other than English
- An understanding of different cultures and societies
- Analytical and communication skills that enhance their learning in other areas of the curriculum
- Improved literacy skills through a better understanding of grammar and sentence construction
- Travel to Germany at the end of Year 10 via SAGSE
- Students who complete the study of a language to Year 12 receive bonus rank points

Learning a language other than English enables a person to communicate across cultures, promotes socio-cultural understanding and improves academic competence.

Through the study of a language other than English, students develop a sense of cultural identity, self-concept and learn to negotiate and express meaning in a variety of cultural contexts.

## Course Overview

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Year 7 German is delivered as a Foundation Level introductory unit and can be studied with no prior knowledge of language and associated culture. Students are encouraged to speak, listen to, read and write German in a range of interactions with the teacher and one another.

In Year 7, students will study the Years 7 - 10 (Year 7 Entry) Australian Curriculum: German for two semesters.

### Semester 1:

#### Unit 1: Meeting New People

Students explore ways young people in Australia and German-speaking cultures convey aspects of their personal identity when meeting new people.

#### Unit 2: What is School Life?

Students explore the concept of school life in German-speaking communities and Australia.

### Semester 2:

#### Unit 3: What is Character?

Students explore the concept of character as reflected in personality traits and qualities of real people and imaginative characters in German-speaking cultures and Australia.

#### Unit 4: What's for Dinner?

Students explore the concept of meals and eating practices and how they are linked to language and culture.

## Assessment Summary

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Assessment is continuous during the semester and will include:

### Unit 1: Meeting New People

- Collection of Work: Listening; Speaking; Reading; Analysing

### Unit 2: What is School Life?

- Collection of Work: Reading; Writing; Reflecting

### Unit 3: What is Character?

- Collection of Work: Writing, Speaking; Analysing

### Unit 4: What's for Dinner

- Collection of Work: Speaking; Reflecting

## Excursions and Events

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An array of excursions and events will also be on offer and may include:

- The 'Audi Festival of German Films' is sponsored by the Goethe Institute in Brisbane
- The 'Oktoberfest for Teens' at the RNA Showgrounds

## Homework

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Homework will be set at least once a week and students will be expected to review vocabulary on a regular basis.