



Japanese Department

At St James', the Japanese Department inspires students from Pre-Primary to Year 12 to develop functional proficiency in Japanese, foster intercultural understanding and grow as confident, resilient and globally minded individuals. Through engaging pedagogy, authentic experiences and cultural connections, we empower students to embrace diversity and actively contribute to their local and international communities.



Vision, Mission Statement and Goals

Vision

To inspire a lifelong appreciation for the Japanese language and culture, fostering global citizens who demonstrate intercultural understanding, respect and curiosity of/for others.

Mission

The Japanese Department will provide a dynamic and supportive learning environment where students in Pre Primary - Year 12 develop linguistic skills, cultural knowledge and personal growth. Through engaging curriculum, authentic cultural experiences and international connections we empower students to communicate confidently, embrace diversity and contribute positively to the local and global communities.

Goals



Intercultural Understanding

Students gain an awareness of and respect for cultural differences, learning to view the world from multiple perspectives



Personal Growth

Students build resilience, empathy and confidence through learning a second language. They grow into reflective, respectful and open-minded individuals who can engage positively with others in a global context.



Language Proficiency

Students develop functional proficiency in Japanese appropriate to their year level with confidence.



Global Citizenship

Students are prepared to engage with a globalised world, appreciating diversity and are able to interact with foreign communities with respect.



Community Engagement

Students contribute to the school and wider community through cultural activities and use language in culturally authentic situations. Students also participate in exchange programs and service opportunities.



Future Pathways

Languages and linguistics degrees

International relations or diplomacy

Tourism and hospitality

Translation and interpreting

Business and trade with Asia



In Japanese at St James', we cultivate a passion for language and culture, encouraging students to communicate with confidence and appreciate diverse perspectives — because understanding others is the first step to shaping a connected world.

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