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# Languages & Distance Education Policy

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Castlemaine Secondary College (CSC) offers students the opportunity to choose from one Asian based language, Indonesian and one European based language, French. Studying a language is compulsory until the end of year 8, after which point students can choose to extend their studies into years 9-12.

## **PURPOSE**

To provide students with a choice of the language they study, whilst maintaining an engaging and rigorous CSC language program.

## **SCOPE**

This policy applies to all students in years 7-9, and for Steiner students in years 7-10.

## **POLICY**

Once a student has elected to study a specific language they are encouraged to continue with this subject until the end of the compulsory language period. Changing languages after Year 7 is strongly discouraged but must be considered in relation to the rationale for changing, for example changing mentor group and / or precinct may force a change of a students language class

When indicative enrolments exceed class limits students with previous education in that specific language will be given enrolment preference.

Students wanting to study a different language via distance education, which is not offered at CSC, must complete a minimum 6 month trial period, during which time they will continue to study French or Indonesian, completing their additional language at home. If a successful trial period has been completed the student may replace their CSC language with their distant education language. An individual's progress would be continually monitored and reviewed every 6 months.

Parents or carers are responsible for the enrolment and payment of courses, which can be completed at the Victorian School of Languages website.

## **REVIEW CYCLE**

This policy was last updated in June 2019 and is scheduled for review in February 2021.