




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.