

SCHOOL NO. 4401 - KATANDRA WEST

Policy Statement: **CURRICULUM**
430 - LANGUAGES

Responsibility: Principal and Staff

This Policy was last ratified by School Council in October, 2022.

PURPOSE:

Language learning is directly related to the development of communication skills and literacy. Languages promotes cognitive growth and development in thinking; it benefits students through exploring a wider social and intellectual environment, and it provides personal challenges. LOTE will form a part of every student's education in Prep to Year 6 at Katandra West Primary School.

GUIDELINES:

- Languages will be part of the Foundation – Year 6 curriculum provided we have a Staff member to take Language.
- Foundation – Year 6 will spend at least one session per week with the LOTE teacher.
- The theory of language learning as identified in the Language documents will serve as a basis for the development of our Language Program.
- The content elements of linguistic knowledge, cultural knowledge and general knowledge will be observed.
- Thematic links will be developed between Language and other areas as applicable.
- The main emphasis of the teaching should be on communication and interaction in the Language.
- The assessment of students' achievements in Language will be consistent with the school's assessment and reporting policy based on the Victorian Curriculum. Emphasis will be placed on assessing the level of skills development of the students and reporting these achievement levels.
- The evaluation of our Language program will be part of our Program review cycle.
- Professional Development opportunities for the Language teacher, other teachers and parents will be arranged when available.
- Every endeavour will be made to ensure that, where possible, there is continuity between Year 6 and Post Primary Language learning.
- The Principal, in consultation with School Council, may vary this Policy if circumstances require it.