

Pembroke is committed to providing a global, holistic education. For most of our students, this includes the study of one or two languages other than English.



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Languages at Pembroke

The study of languages extends our students' access to their world. Students learn to communicate through new languages and to understand new cultures, worldviews and ways of life. Students also acquire transferable cognitive, social and learning skills along with an understanding of grammatical concepts which enhances their literacy in English.

From ELC to Year 6, students study Spanish (which is offered through to Year 12). In the Junior School, we also offer co-curricular languages programs in Mandarin, French, Italian and Hindi to support students to maintain and develop languages skills that may be fostered at home.



In Year 7, students select two languages and study each for one semester. In Year 8, students select one or two languages and study each for the entire year. In Years 9-12, students may select up to two languages.

In the Senior School, the study of a language is compulsory if the student is undertaking the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme. In the SACE, a range of languages are offered as options, and the study of other languages within the SACE or IB may be possible via external arrangements.

French Semi-Immersion Program

Students with a substantial background in French may accelerate their studies through intensive exposure to the language over four years (Years 7-10). Following the Content and Language Integrated Learning (CLIL) model, students acquire language through the study of other subjects using the target language. Students in the program attend an average of two lessons per day taught entirely in French. Subjects which qualify may include History, Geography, Art, Drama as well as French Language and Literature.

Community Languages Program

To support students to deepen their knowledge of other languages and connection to cultures from their family background, co-curricular programs are available for Years 2 to 10 in Italian and Hindi, with plans in development for Greek and Polish. Latin may also be selected as a co-curricular option from Years 5 to 9.

Beyond the Classroom

Students receive a well-rounded education that gives them an appreciation of both their own lives and those of others. International trips, student exchanges and experiential learning programs are central to the opportunities that Pembroke provides. These include:

- Spanish language and cultural immersion tour to Spain
- Spanish language exchange to Chile
- French school Homestay experience in France
- German language exchange to Germany
- Chinese language and culture immersion tour
- Kaurna camp in Kaurna Country

These co-curricular experiences give our students the chance to explore new cultures, develop language and communication skills, and make lifelong memories.

Languages Available at Pembroke:

Years 7, 8, 9, 10 Chinese 2nd Language	Years 7, 8, 9, 10 Chinese Background Language	Years 7, 8, 9, 10 Chinese 1st Language	Years 7, 8, 9, 10 French (or French Semi-Immersion)	Years 7, 8, 9, 10 German	Years 7, 8, 9, 10 Kaurna	Years 7, 8, 9, 10 Spanish
Year 11	Year 11	Year 11	Year 11	Year 11	Year 11	Year 11
SACE Stage 1 Chinese (Continuers)# OR IB Chinese B (SL or HL)	SACE Stage 1 Chinese (Continuers)# OR SACE Stage 1 Chinese (Background) OR IB Chinese B (SL or HL)	SACE Stage 1 Chinese (Background) OR IB Chinese A (SL or HL)	SACE Stage 1 French (Continuers) OR IB French B (SL or HL)	SACE Stage 1 German (Continuers) OR IB German B (SL or HL)	SACE Stage 1 Australian Languages – Revival Language (Kaurna)	SACE Stage 1 Spanish (Continuers) OR IB Spanish B (SL or HL)
Year 12	Year 12	Year 12	Year 12	Year 12	Year 12	Year 12
SACE Stage 2 Chinese (Continuers)# OR IB Chinese B (SL or HL)	SACE Stage 2 Chinese (Continuers)# OR SACE Stage 2 Chinese (Background) OR IB Chinese B (SL or HL)	SACE Stage 2 Chinese (Background) OR IB Chinese A (SL or HL)	SACE Stage 2 French (Continuers) OR IB French B (SL or HL)	SACE Stage 2 German (Continuers) OR IB German B (SL or HL)	SACE Stage 2 Australian Languages – Revival Language (Kaurna)	SACE Stage 2 Spanish (Continuers) OR IB Spanish B (SL or HL)

Enrolment in SACE Chinese Continuers is subject to eligibility criteria

* *ab initio* courses are only for students with no or minimal previous exposure to the language

Beginner Languages from Year 11

Year 11	Year 11
IB Spanish <i>ab initio</i> (SL only)* OR SACE Stage 1 Spanish (Beginners)	IB Indonesian <i>ab initio</i> (SL only)* OR SACE Stage 1 Indonesian (Beginners)
Year 12	Year 12
IB Spanish <i>ab initio</i> (SL only)* OR SACE Stage 2 Spanish (Beginners)	IB Indonesian <i>ab initio</i> (SL only)* OR SACE Stage 2 Indonesian (Beginners)