

## Languages (Other than English) Policy

### PURPOSE:

The purpose of Languages at Baden Powell College is:

- To provide students with the opportunity to gain insights into and appreciate aspects of a different culture and society.
- To develop communication and literacy skills through reading, writing, listening and speaking that will promote cognitive growth and different thinking.

### GENERAL AIMS:

To provide opportunities for each child to:

- Experience a new language.
- Gain confidence and develop reading, writing, viewing, listening and speaking skills in another language.
- Be immersed in a different culture, and to gain an awareness of and respect for their own and other cultures, and develop an understanding of the connection between language and culture, including body language and visual cues.
- Understand the structure and technicalities of a new language, including linguistic elements such as vocabulary and grammar
- For students to feel comfortable and confident when attempting to communicate in a new language.

### GUIDELINES:

Languages at Baden Powell College will be taught:

- Italian is provided as part of the mandated curriculum model in the primary years.
- Italian and AUSLAN are offered as a choice to secondary students.
- Other languages are offered as a choice to secondary students, via the Victorian School of Languages correspondence model of learning.
- By providing an appropriate balance of the four language modes, which will vary depending on such factors as the level of language, the age of the students, and the type of the program, within a meaningful context, utilising the Victorian Curriculum.
- By delivering a program through hands on experiences, eLearning tools (iPads, iPods) instructional materials and practical activities such as drama, music, cooking role-plays, games and art, as part of an integrated or instructional curriculum as appropriate.
- By incorporating excursions and incursions to support the cultural experiences as deemed necessary and to create opportunities for authentic exchanges between and access with sister schools (epals).

### EVALUATION:

- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's two year review cycle, individually, in teams and with the community in 2020.