Languages

At Roma Mitchell Secondary College our students study Italian, German or Japanese in years 8, 9 and 10.

Makaton (a form of signing) and Picture Exchange Communication System (PECS) are taught in the Special Education Campus.

Persian, Arabic, Hindi and Vietnamese are offered after school and we are also exploring the possibility of offering the Kaurna language after school.

Why study a language for 3 years?

- The study of any language prepares the brain for further learning in any language area for the rest of your life. This includes improving English for English speakers.
- The study of any language helps you understand grammar systems in your language. This is particularly the case for Anglo based languages like German and Italian.
- Language and culture are always linked. The study of any language promotes a deeper understanding of cultural differences and commonalities, it promotes global empathy.
- The study of any language involves the learner in being outside of their comfort zone. It builds confidence in students to communicate with different people, visit unfamiliar places and take an interest in world issues.
- It takes a long time to become confident in using a language. Three years is the minimum amount of time required to become functional in a new language.
- Studying a new language is intellectually challenging but still achievable for the vast majority of students, including most NEP students or students with a learning difficulty.
- Knowing another language is seen as a very valuable asset by a number of employers.
- Studying a language is a DECD and IB requirement.