



Year 7 2025 – Language Selection Guide

Dear Parents and Year 7 2025 Students,

Welcome to Year 7 Languages at Roseville College! We look forward to bringing the world into your classroom as you experience the wonder of learning another language and exploring a new culture. For Year 7 2025, the languages on offer are: Chinese, French and Japanese.

Below is some information which may be helpful as you consider your language options for Year 7 and beyond.

Years 7 and 8

You are asked to choose one language, which you will learn throughout Years 7 and 8 at Roseville College. No prior experience of your chosen language is required. Each course is designed primarily for the acquisition of a new language, although every effort will be made to support more advanced students in their learning. Please choose carefully as this is a two-year program of study, so there will not be an opportunity to change to another language during this time. Please see below more information about each of the three languages offered and the Stage 4 course for each.

Chinese

The Stage 4 Chinese course is designed primarily for students who are new to learning Chinese. Topics include greetings, family, occupations, sports, clothing and daily routines. Students will learn how to pronounce Chinese words and sentences using *pinyin*, as well as reading and writing Chinese characters by exploring their history and meaning. Students with more significant prior experience in Chinese are welcome to join the class, and they will be supported with extension materials to learn to read and write various text types, create videos, write emails and give speeches. It should be noted that students in the advanced group will be expected to complete some independent learning, with guidance from their teacher, as this is a differentiated course. Join us to discover the ancient language and fascinating culture of China.

French

The French program in Stage 4 has been designed to introduce students to the beautiful language and culture of France. Students will be allocated to classes based on their previous learning experience. All classes will follow a similar program, with additional resources for students who have studied French previously to provide appropriate extension and challenge in their learning. Topics will include introductions, pets, family, French food, celebrations, leisure activities and finding your way around town, and students will be given opportunities to practise their speaking and writing skills in authentic French situations. Interactive resources, online activities, engaging texts and role-plays form the basis of this course, together with the chance to view current publications and videos, and participate in cultural activities throughout the year from around the francophone world.

Japanese

Learning Japanese in Stage 4 is a wonderful opportunity to discover more about this unique language and its inviting culture. As for all our Language courses, students will be supported in their learning depending on their previous experience with Japanese, offering support for beginners as well as more challenging extension materials where appropriate. Topics for study include greetings, animals, nationalities, friends and family, describing where you live, after school activities and Japanese food. Students will learn to read and write using *hiragana*, the Japanese writing system, from their earliest lessons. Engaging activities may include creating presentations, brochures, digital stories and posters, with cultural activities to support each topic. Studying Japanese is rewarding and enjoyable, with opportunities to participate in speaking and writing activities to develop confidence.

Years 9 and 10

Every language offered at Roseville College is a continuing course. Each stage of learning builds upon previous knowledge and skills. After the mandatory program in Years 7 and 8, students may elect to continue to study their chosen language in Years 9 and 10.

Years 11 and 12

Students will be given the opportunity to pursue further study of their chosen language into Years 11 and 12, provided they have continued this language throughout Years 7 to 10.

- Currently, French, Chinese and Japanese Continuers courses are offered in Years 11 and 12. These courses are available to students who have studied these languages throughout Years 7 to 10.
- In Years 11 and 12, students of Chinese and Japanese will be guided to select the course which is most appropriate for them, according to their language experience. Eligibility criteria for these courses may be found on the NESA (New South Wales Education Standards Authority) website [HERE](#).

If you have any questions concerning your language choice for Year 7, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs M Rundle, Head of Languages. Contact details are as follows:

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