

# L.O.T.E.



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## Overview of the Major Objectives

- Knowledge of the language and the ability to use it in communication with other people;
- Understanding of the culture of another group.
- Understanding one's own language and culture through comparison with another language and culture;
- Knowing how to communicate across cultural boundaries;
- Enhance employment and career prospects.

## Initiatives to Improve the Learning Process

- Review of the curriculum planners outcome from Prep to Grad 6 to reduce the number of assessable outcome to a manageable amount - Language Learning and Intercultural Understanding.
- Reviewing outcomes from Years 7 and 8 Japanese. We have consolidated to 4 main outcomes—Reading, Writing, Listening, Speaking This is the same as VCE studies in LOTE.
- LOTE Rubric assessment has been developed for Reading comprehension, Listening comprehension, Speaking and Writing. These have been adapted for different year levels.
- Dr D.Sousa initiatives: Discussion about “green light” classrooms and how memory works best.
- General LOTE methodology discussions on communicative approach, grammar teaching, using powerpoint, using songs and games.
- LOTE Indonesian and Japanese staffing teams have been formed to discuss curriculum, plan units of work as well as team teaching opportunities.

## Highlights of the Year in LOTE

- Japanese Days at Junior School and Bellarine. Yukiko liaised with the Art and Music Departments. LOTE, Music and Art activities are included in the program.



- Yukiko started teaching Prep to Year 4 staff at Bellarine and Junior School campuses the basic Japanese expressions.
- Information Evenings—Middle School Year 7 and 8 assemblies, Year 8 & 9 LOTE classes. We have developed a package of promotional material and also asked Senior School LOTE students to talk at these evenings, assemblies and classes about the benefits of studying a Language other than English.
- International Association Meeting. A showcase was presented of LOTE achievements this year- the Lombok study tour with a powerpoint and a Mother's perspective; the Japan study tour giving two non Japanese speaking staff' perspectives; Japanese speech contest winners from Junior School and Bellarine Junior School; Indonesian speech contest winners from Junior School and Bellarine Junior School; Indonesian Consulate essay winner (Senior School), Middle School Indonesian speech contest winners; Long term exchange students to Japan- reflections by Senior School students, long term exchange student from Japan- her reflections.

- LOTE cross campus meetings and cross campus team meetings have continued regularly.
- Indonesian results - oral exam 13.7% above state average, written exam 2.1% below state.
- Japanese - oral exam 26% above state average, written exam 27.8% above state..
- The average mark up in ATAR for Japanese was 9 and 8 for Indonesian. 8.3% received 40%+ results in Indonesian and 21.4% in Japanese. Well done!
- SMA Negeri 2 Mataram visited us from 21st February to 7th March. This was the 13th year of the highly valued exchange program between the two schools. 21 students and 3 staff - Pak Wahgroho, Pak Muslim and Bu Nurlaela visited Christian College.



- Long term exchange student Andrew Peel completed six months exchange to Naga High School and Aiko Sasamoto completed her 10 months exchange at Christian College in December.
- Speech contest winners -Speech contest, calligraphy contest. Yuji and Yukiko have entered students from Year 1 to Year 9 in the State wide calligraphy contest and Yukiko has also entered a Year 1 pair (Bellarine) and Year 3 and 4 students from Junior School in the State wide speech contest. The students entered in the Speech Contest won first prize at Grade 4 level and other students were highly commended. One student also won a prize in the calligraphy contest.
- Japan Study Tour (29th June—15 July). 27 students and 5 staff including the Principal, Glen McKeeman, Carol Milton-Garner, Yukari Hodgart, Stephen Sullivan and Celeste Pryke took part in a study tour to Japan and Naga High School to celebrate 18 years of exchange between Christian College and Naga High School. We are proud of the strong relationships we have established with SMA Negeri 2 Mataram and Naga High School in

Japan and hope that our efforts will, in a small way help to promote harmony, peace and tolerance between the young people of Indonesia, Japan and Australia.



- State-wide Indonesian Speech Contest: Paige Lyndall (Year 7) and Tara Dasic (Year 8) were winners in this competition. The students were presented with a medallion and a gift voucher.
- Essay competition winner: VILTA Indonesian Independence Day Scholarship: Sophia Blakebrough (Year 12) was the winner of this competition and travelled to Canberra with Pak Biimo to participate in the 65th Independence Day celebrations.
- AFS JENESYS Scholarships to Japan; Two Year 9 Highton students, Ben Stewart and Emily Carpenter have been awarded scholarships to Japan in December which includes a two week exchange all expenses paid.

### Professional Development

All staff participated in various Language specific Professional Development activities run by the Japanese and Indonesian Language Associations and also the MLTAV.

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