



L.O.T.E. Languages Other Than English

Our Language Other Than English (LOTE) program is Mandarin which is taught to all students from prep to year 6 and in addition French which is taught to all students in years 5 and 6. Classes are 45 minutes per week. We also have a popular student beginner class each week after school.

Our Mandarin and French programs immerse children in second language learning through singing songs, reading poems, playing language games, software programs, developing conversational skills, hands on activities, projects and participation in celebrations and performances.

The L.O.T.E program designed in line with our differentiated curriculum offers a variety of activities to cater for individual needs. Children are encouraged to take individual responsibility for their learning within an environment that provides equal opportunity to achieve. The children work in groups depending on their knowledge and abilities in mandarin, from fluent speakers to beginners.

In Mandarin, Chinese character formation, character recognition, writing and typing and the study of Pinyin and Asian culture are the foundations of the program.

A highlight of our L.O.T.E. program is our relationship with our sister school in Nanjing, China. We provide an exchange program where in alternate years students from Nanjing will either, visit Glendal and participate in our everyday programs, or a delegation of Glendal students will visit Nanjing. This wonderful program brings a whole new dimension to the learning of another language and enriches our school culture. We offer our French students the opportunity to participate in a French Immersion 8 day camp in Noumea, New Caledonia every two years.