Student success
Each day at Kedron SHS I am reminded of the many reasons parents have to send their students to this excellent school. Whether it is the settled and focussed learning environment in all our classrooms or the successes our students achieve across the richness of our extra-curricular programs.

Our athletes continue to make their mark in District competition with another impressive win at the District Cross Country (at least 5 in a row). Three students won their race to be crowned District champions – Tim Vincent (15), Lachlan Crilly (16), Sophie Ingram (17). Congratulations to the team and Mr Tucker.

Following our win we were well represented across all age groups and had one of the largest contingents at the Met North Regional Cross Country Carnival at St Paul’s on Tuesday 28 May. As our representatives were excellently behaved and cheered each other on. Our top performers were: Tim Vincent 15 Years Boys 3rd, Stephanie Vincent 15 Years Girls 5th, Sophie Ingram 17 Years Girls 5th, Chelsea Vincent 17 Years Girls 6th. All four have made the Met North Regional Team to compete at the State titles later in the year. Congratulations to all our District representatives.

Our school hosted a day of Chorale Fanfare (a State wide chorale competition) on Monday 27. The just over 90 students who form the wonderful Kedron Singers opened the day and were awarded Gold for their performance. The eighteen strong Acapella group performed at the end of the first session and also won gold. Both of these groups are conducted by Mrs Hardy whose enthusiasm and energy is reflected by all of the students and comes out in their performances. Gold is a fitting reward for the students and Mrs Hardy for their hours of rehearsal. I am sure you will be very entertained by these groups when you see them perform throughout the year.

Debate Kedron SHS students at your peril! With 6 teams currently debating in the QDU competition, we have won 15 of our 18 debates this year (the majority against private schools) and as our teams enter round 4 of the competition we are very fortunate to have a talented and dedicated staff.

Teaching excellence
Andreas Schleicher (a leader in OECD education) once said, “when you could still assume that what you learned in school will last for a lifetime, teaching content and routine cognitive skills were at the centre of education. Today…the focus is on enabling people to become lifelong learners, to manage complex ways of thinking and complex ways of working as they live in a multi-faceted world as active and responsive citizens”.

As you can see from earlier in this article and as you know from the information your students tell you about their classes we are very fortunate to have a talented and dedicated staff. Their focus is on helping students to develop the skills that will assist them to learn for their lifetime. These skills include analysing, evaluating, hypothesising, researching, interpreting, extrapolating and appreciating and many more.

I see evidence of this excellent teaching as I walk through classrooms daily. If you would like to recognise any teacher that your student has you may like to nominate them for an ‘Award for Inspiration Educators’ through the National Excellence in Teaching Awards via this url http://www.asg.com.au/neita/

Between the time I write this article and you receiving this newsletter I know that many of us will have enjoyed the end of semester concert on May 30. I hope to meet you at this or future events. Geoff Latta (Acting Principal)
Kedron is looking to participate for the first time ever in the Queensland All Schools Handball Championships. The event will be held at the Calamvale Community Centre on Sunday the 16th of June. Entry is $5 per student and will cover competition registration and transport to and from the venue. Trials for teams are this Thursday and next Thursday after school in the Sports Hall. We have good numbers in the boys’ junior and senior divisions but need more female students to take part. These trials are open to all grades and all ages and I would encourage students to try this exciting sport which most of them would have played in Year 8 and 9 HPE. Mr Blanshard

KEDRON CROSS COUNTRY

The Kedron Cross Country team has successfully defended its District Cross Country title with a large victory over traditional rival Wavell SHS. The District carnival was held here at Kedron and certainly helped as we saw many Kedron SHS students time their runs perfectly to finish strong. Over 40 students took part and this was one of the reasons for our success. We also had three District Age Champions in Tim Vincent (15 Years Boys), Lachlan Crilly (16 Years Boys) and Sophie Ingram (17 Years Girls). This was the 5th year in a row that we have taken out the Cross Country title and speaks volumes about the ability of our students and how big a sport it is here at school.

After this victory the Cross Country team then moved onto the Met North Carnival that was held on Tuesday the 28th of May. Against much tougher opposition the students performed admirably. The event was held at St Paul’s School, Bald Hills and was an excellent cross country course with many trying hills and trails. Our best performance on the day was from Tim Vincent (15 Years Boys) who was in the leading pack of five runners for the first half of his race before joining a breakaway group and sitting in second for most of the run home. He was just pipped at the post by a taller runner and finished an excellent 3rd place. Stephanie Vincent was in strong form as well throughout her race for the 15 Years Girls. She stayed with the lead group and ended up finishing 5th. This was the same finishing position as Sophie Ingram who raced very well in the tough 17 Years Girls competition. She finished strongly and beat fellow Kedron runner Chelsea Vincent into 6th place. As a result of these performances Tim, Stephanie, Chelsea and Sophie have all been selected to represent Met North at the Qld Championships in Bundaberg at the beginning of Term 3.

A special thanks must also go to Mr Tucker, the Cross Country coach, who managed to get the best team out on the track for both carnivals. Well done to all runners and staff involved.

MET NORTH

Congratulations to two Kedron students who have recently been selected for Met North representative honours. Josh Pedder, in Year 10, has been selected in the Open Boys golf team. Josh is a very keen golfer who frequently trains down at the Royal Queensland Gold Club. He is a scratch golfer who missed out on selection last year due to a mix up over the trial so it is great to see him get in the team this year.

Kemuel Pineda, in Year 9, has been selected for the 15 Years Boys Basketball team. Kem was one of the key players in Mr Farrelly’s Year 9 basketball team that won the district title this year and got to the Metro Schools semi-finals. A very quick and co-ordinated guard/forward Kem will surely become a mainstay in the successful basketball teams of Kedron in the future. Well done to both boys.

Mr Blanshard

YEAR 9 BOYS AND YR 8 GIRLS BASKETBALL SUCCESS

Our Yr 9 boys team and Yr 8 girls team took out the honours of ‘Central District Champions’ in the summer competition and enjoyed the higher level competition of the Metro finals series. Both teams travelled to Shailer Park (Cornubia Park Sports Centre) on Friday 17th May. The girls enjoyed the experience at this high level even though they lost to the more experienced Caboolture SHS team. Best players on the day were Isabelle Fiedler, Fifita Paasi and Jemma Dux. Special thanks must go to Mrs Muller for helping the students train and prepare for the game.

The Yr 9 boys had a great 2 points win over Grace Lutheran College 42 – 40 after playing 3 minutes ‘extra time’ when scores were even at the end of the 4th quarter. The win allowed us to advance to the semi-finals on Wednesday 22nd May where we went down in a close encounter (48 – 51) to Mt Gravatt SHS. We have a very strong Yr 9 boys team lead by captain and best player Kem Pineda who scored 17 points in each game. Kem has also been selected to represent Met North in the U15 boys team. Outstanding performances were also displayed by Nathaniel Rebolledo (vice captain), Ben Smith and Shuhei Waterman.

I have been proudly involved with basketball at Kedron SHS for 13 years and this Yr 9 boys team has been one of only two teams winning through to the semi-finals of the Metro finals series. Perhaps we can go one better next year when the boys enter the Yr 10 competition.

J.Farrelly (Coach)
BIENNIAL SNOW TRIP CANBERRA–PERISHER/SMIGGINS FOR YEARS 10-12
An extra place has opened on the Ekka Week Snow Trip – 10-16 August. Cost is approx. $1600 + spending money and includes return flights, tour of Canberra, on-snow accommodation including breakfasts and dinners, 6 days on snow, ski lessons, gear and equipment and a night ski. Please contact Miss Fairley ASAP to pick up a form and pay your deposit. First in, secures the spot. To enquire, please contact me on: jfair4@eq.edu.au or call 3630-3317.
Miss Fairley

LANGUAGES NEWS
Buddha’s Birthday Excursion
Accompanied by Ms Wu, Year 9 Chinese students took part in the annual Buddha’s Birthday celebrations at South Bank Parklands 3 May. Students participated in a fun program of interactive Chinese based activities including a puppet show, calligraphy, Chinese art painting, paper cutting workshop and Tai Chi demonstration.

KEDRON GIRLS SHINE WITH AUSTRALIAN GIRLS CHOIR
Two of our students recently performed as members of the Australian Girls Choir at major events.

Hannah Gray (Yr12) was a member of the 20 strong choir performing with Jessica Mauboy at the Sofitel Hotel on 17th May. The girls performed “The Power of a Dream”. It was a great night and Hannah and others choir members got to meet Jessica and talk about what singing means to them.

Maddison Sawyer (Yr9) was a member of the choir performing at Suncorp Stadium also on 17th May at the Broncos v Titans rugby league game as part of the Women in League Campaign. The girls performed “Ain’t No Mountain High Enough” in front of a crowd of 35,000. Well done Hannah and Maddison!

HOSPITALITY NEWS
The Anzac Day ceremony this year was followed by a morning tea function. A small group of Year 11 Hospitality students experienced running their first ever function under the guidance of Mrs Nucifora and Mrs Hunt. A range of hot and cold savouries, chocolate brownies, fruits and the traditional Anzac biscuits were enjoyed with rave reviews. With time and practise, the level of confidence and skills will grow. We would like to thank Mrs Hall for allowing us this valuable opportunity for the students to put their learning into practice and help them to form a better understanding of the different aspects involved with running a function.

In other Hospitality news, last Wednesday 22nd May the same group of year 11s shone again with the warming Soup Kitchen. Students and staff had the chance to buy a cup of Minestrone, Creamy Chicken and Vegetable or Pumpkin Soup accompanied by a generous portion of fresh crusty bread for morning tea. Some great feedback has been received and any other feedback would be appreciated (please drop it off at D Block Staffroom). This allows the students to better evaluate their success and identify future improvement goals. A special thanks must go to Mrs Nucifora for her mammoth effort and dedication to ensuring success. Thank-you to all who supported this activity, again it was a wonderful opportunity to build confidence and skills and a great way to warm up on a cold day!

Next week we look forward to the Year 12 Hospitality class entertaining family, friends and staff with an evening dinner celebrating the rich diversity of cultures here at Kedron. Bon appétit!
Mrs Abigail Hunt (Hospitality teacher)

YEAR 8 ENROLMENTS FOR 2014 PLACES LIMITED
Applications for Enrolments for 2014 are now open. Our Enrolment Management Plan can be viewed on the school’s web-site.

If you live in our catchment or have a sibling wishing to attend KedronSHS in 2014 please contact the school as soon as possible.

If you live outside of our catchment area you need to contact the school on 36303323 as soon as possible.
KEDRON ROBOTICS TEAM WINS BRONZE AT THE OPEN EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Over the past couple of years Kedron has celebrated the success of its Robotics teams. Students from the Middle school’s ‘Strive to Shine’ group have taken part in the First Lego League, a worldwide competition with 120,000 participants annually. The Kedron 1 team won the regional Qld competition at the end of 2012 and were placed in the top 4 in the National Competition held in Sydney in February this year. The team was invited as Australia’s sole representative at the Open European Championships, held in Germany.

The team was made up of nine students from years 9 and 10. The competition focuses on aspects of science, technology, engineering and mathematics alongside teamwork and problem solving. Students are required to program autonomous robotic missions, research and design a solution to a real world problem and work together as a team to solve a challenge. The championship included 54 teams from 35 countries worldwide.

“Today was the start of the competition, so at 3:30, teams from all around the world gathered in front of the Paderborn Town Hall. Rainbow colours and cultural chants surrounded us as all cultures combined to form one, the FLL community. It really made us think about not just our journey to get here, but of all the others. So much time and effort has been put into this and we couldn’t be more eager to start. After just a taste of what’s to come, we went on a 50 minute march through the streets, screaming and parading around with all the others. We’re really excited for tomorrow!”

“So, this morning the competition began. In what was similar to an olympic opening ceremony all of the teams proceeded into the competition theatre. We lead the procession, screamed our Aussie, Aussie, Aussies over the deafening drums of our neighbours Brazil.”

The students exceeded expectations, receiving bronze in one of the main categories – Gracious Professionalism – the competition’s answer to our Kedron Way. Put into context, Kedron gained a spot on the podium from 20,000 teams worldwide at our second attempt. The students represented both Kedron and Australia admirably and are keen to follow up the success of the competition when the First Lego League’s new season begins in September this year.

None of this would have been possible without the support of Mr McCormick and Mr Latta and the school P&C. Help was also provided from the Cube – part of the Faculty of Education at QUT and Lego Education Australia. We thank them for their help to make all of this possible.

If you have any questions about the school’s robotics program contact me at school slang58@eq.edu.au

Mr Steve Lang – HOD eLearning.

NSSCF – UPDATE

As parents will be aware from previous newsletter articles we are still waiting for the National Secondary School’s Computer Fund (NSSCF) laptops for Year 9 students. We have been advised this week that the devices chosen by the Department for Education Training and Employment are due to be at school in the first two weeks of June. We are reliant on the Department of Education to expedite this and as such the timeline for this is out of our hands.

Ideally, we would have liked these to be with students before the holidays but have now been advised that the cases for the devices will not arrive until July, so this will now have to be pushed into the start of term 3. Invoices will not be issued until the devices are distributed, and will reflect a pro-rata cost rather than the charge for the whole year.

We are planning on holding an information evening for parents and carers of year 9 students in the last week of this term – Tuesday 18th June, at 6pm in the old school Hall. This session will provide an opportunity for parents to clarify any points and also ask questions as to how the take-home laptop program works for students at our school.

Feel free to contact me in the meantime with any questions concerning the laptops and our 1to1 program in general. slang58@eq.edu.au

Mr Steve Lang, HOD eLearning

HIGH ATTENDANCE = HIGH ACHIEVEMENT!

A missed school day is a lost opportunity to learn. There is a large amount of data showing the strong link between poor attendance and poor achievement. Among other benefits of a good attendance record is that it shows future employees that you are dependable and thus makes you more employable. As a year level our attendance is at a healthy 95.1% (Boys 94.4% and Girls 96.6%) but it would be great to see this go even higher.

A big congratulation to the following students who all have 100% attendance:

Harrison Aldous  Joshua Blakey  Khin Nary
BawGlory Chang  Kaitlin Ernst  Ashleigh Glover
Justine Medua  Da Da Ray  Gay Nay Say Tin
Lay Lay Wah  Aaliyah Walcott  Ah Funy Yu Hoi

If you feel you should also be on this list please let me know.

A reminder when your child is away you should contact the school and notify them of the reason for their absence. If your child is going to be away for an extended period of time please contact the year coordinator so it can be noted on the system. This will also allow teachers to be made aware and provide opportunities for your child to not fall behind in their learning and make alternative assessment arrangements if necessary. Students whose attendance drops below 85% will be contacted about this.

If you have any questions please don’t hesitate to contact me on mcros95@eq.edu.au or 3630 3362.

Wishing you all good health!

Mr Crosby
KEDRON WEEK TRIVIA NIGHT

Can you donate prizes?

As part of Kedron Week, the Kedron SHS Chaplaincy Committee is running a Trivia Night for students, parents, families and friends. The Trivia Night will be run in conjunction with the Kedron School Dance. (Drop off the kids, have a great night out, pick them up and go home.

We are asking members of the school community (individuals or businesses) to donate items that would be suitable as prizes.

Suggested items: household goods, vouchers, perfume and cosmetics, sporting items and memorabilia, electronic items, handicrafts, food hampers, paintings, etc.

KEDRON WEEK TRIVIA NIGHT

Date: Friday 19 July 2013  
Time: 7:15 – 9:45 p.m.  
Venue: Wooloowin State School Hall  
Cost: $10 per person.  
(Book a table or just come along on the night)

If you have some items to donate, or to book for the night, please contact one of our chaplains.

Ian Charlesworth  school 3630 3304  mob 0411 861 071  
Erin Archer  school 3630 3351  mob 0426 245 572

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WHO’S CHATTING TO YOUR KIDS?

From the Guidance Officer

The internet today contains many sites that are designed to encourage children and teenagers to communicate by messaging each other in real time. Many of these sites contain areas where children can post personal information about themselves including their name, age, location, photographs, and contact details. Please take some time to discuss these on-line safety tips with your children:

- **Never** give out personal information on the net, like your full name, address, phone number or school, even sporting events attended, or locations of extra-curricular activities
- **Never** send your picture to someone you don’t know.
- **Don’t accept invitations** to view webcams from unknown internet users.
- **Never** arrange for face-to-face meetings with people met online.
- **Always** check the privacy settings on your online profile. Predators can use this personal information to find you.
- Review your online profile. Predators can use this personal information to find you.
- **Only allow your friends to view** your personal blog and profile.
- **Remember** to take care of your rights.
- **Never** send your picture to someone you don’t know.
- **Don’t accept invitations** to view webcams from unknown internet users.
- **Never** arrange for face-to-face meetings with people met online.
- Understand predators ask personal questions and attempt to become ‘friends’ quickly.
- Time chatting online to a person does not equal trust or knowing the person.

Teach children the 5 R’s:

**REALISE**– people you chat with may not be who they say they are, or the age/sex they say they are.

**REFUSE**– requests for personal information and ensure your internet profile is private.

**REVIEW**– your contacts online; it’s not ‘kool’ to have contacts you don’t know.

**RESPOND**– quickly if you ever feel uncomfortable while online. Close the program, then tell your parents or a trusted friend.

**REPORT**– any suspicious or dangerous online contact you have had to the police.

(Adapted from Information provided by Queensland Police Service)

WHAT IMPACT DOES GRAFFITI HAVE ON YOUR CHILD, FAMILY & COMMUNITY?

These questions and others are explored in a creative, education presentation that teaches adolescents necessary life skills, and focuses on preventing youth from travelling down the graffiti path. Sponsored by Brisbane City Council and Queensland Police, the preventative program will be delivered by Warner Awareness Education as a pilot project to a year 5 and 8 students in the Brisbane area. The developed approach involves an interactive, entertaining presentation with the aim of involving your child in thinking about and discovering the impacts of graffiti, in particular tagging, with a focus on the criminal aspects. (It is illegal when a person damages or defaces private and public places without the property owner’s permission). Ultimately, it provides them with an understanding of the social and economic costs of vandalism to them, their school and their community.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

1. **Talk to your child** about respecting other people’s property and the issues surrounding property damage. The success of this type of program is enhanced when it is reinforced at home.

Discuss the Queensland Graffiti Laws that covers graffiti specific offences & penalties, e.g:

- **Marking property without owner’s consent** – Section 469, Wilful Damage by Graffiti.
- **Possessing a graffiti implement** – Maximum penalty $2,000 or 1 year imprisonment.

2. **Seek further information by contacting:** - Your local Youth Services. They provide information, support, referrals and a range of programs and activities for young people. issues for young people.

See someone doing graffiti? Contact the Queensland Police Service - call 131 444  
Know someone who is responsible for graffiti? ‘Tag Them Back’ …anonymously - call 1800 333 000
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- 12: MATHS B PAPER 1
  - VBN (Prac) L9
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**TUE 11 JUNE**
- 12: HOSPITALITY (HST) Library
  - HOSPITALITY STUDIES (HOS)
  - BCT (E6/E4)
- 11: MATHS A PAPER 1
  - MATHS C PAPER 1

**WED 12 JUNE**
- 12: MATHS A PAPER 1
  - MATHS C PAPER 1
- 11: ENGLISH (Orals)
  - VBN (Re-sit) L9

**THU 13 JUNE**
- 12: HOSPITALITY (HST) D5
  - CHINESE (Q7)
  - GEOGRAPHY
- 11: PHYSICS
  - VBN (Re-sit) L9

**FRI 14 JUNE**
- 12: SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY STUDIES (L3)
  - LEGAL STUDIES
  - STUDY OF SOCIETY
- 11: EARTH SCIENCE (C4)
  - GEOGRAPHY

**MON 17 JUNE**
- 12: QCS Students - QCS PRACTICE TESTS ALL DAY
  - Non QCS Students – NORMAL CLASSES
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**LAST DAY OF TERM FOR ALL YEAR LEVELS (YRS 8–12) IS FRIDAY 21 JUNE**

**IMPORTANT NOTES:**
1. All students are required to attend school full-time up to the examination period.
2. Normal school bells will run for Years 8/9 who are in normal classes up to the holidays.
3. On the dates specified, students in Years 11 & 12 may choose to attend only the sessions for which they have examinations: (7/6/13-14/6/13)
4. Full school uniform must be worn.
5. Students are responsible for bringing all required equipment to their exams.
6. Study Facilities will be available for any student wishing to attend other sessions.
7. Students are responsible for reading the timetable carefully and ensuring they are present for all examinations. If a student is unable to sit for an examination through illness or other circumstances satisfactory to the Principal, the school should be advised on the day of absence and provided with documentary evidence (i.e. medical certificate) as soon as possible after the examination.
8. All examinations will start at the time stated and students should be ready to enter at least 15 minutes before that time. All written examinations are 1.5 hours in length (unless advised otherwise)
9. ESL/International students/SSU identified students – exams for these students commence 15 minutes before stated times.
10. Students in Alternative Pathways Program – School based assessment & exams during exam block are a priority over TAFE/training/Apprenticeship or Traineeship days. It is the student’s responsibility to inform their external provider/employer well in advance of school block exams/assessment dates
11. All examinations, except where nominated, will be held in the Hall.

Students should notify Mr McCarthy immediately of any clashes of subjects.
ARRANGEMENTS FOR YEAR 12 QCS TRIAL
Monday 17 June & Tuesday 18 June 2013

- The Queensland Core Skills (QCS) Trial will be held in the Indoor Sports Centre during these two days and Year 12 students are required to be at the Tuckshop Area NO LATER than 8:30am.
- Students are not required to attend form classes. An attendance roll register is maintained for QCS.
- A full equipment list is below. All equipment must be in a clear container eg. zip lock bag.
- As for all senior examinations, if a student is absent a medical certificate is required. The school should also be contacted on the day of the test.

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Languages

The Languages Faculty at Kedron State High School is dynamic and vibrant. Extending beyond pure language study, students engage in a broad range of culturally rich experiences including immersion days, restaurant visits, movie excursions and cooking. Overseas tours are the curriculum highlight of our languages program:

French
Following our successful 2012 French trip, 2013 will see the continuation of short and long term reciprocal exchange programs with our sister school, Lycée Saint Louis in Saumur, France. Twenty four students and two teachers from our sister school will arrive for a 2 week visit to Kedron in Term 3. In addition, over the Christmas holidays, Year 11 French students will have the opportunity to visit Lycée Saint Louis for a longer 6 week exchange. Interested students should see their French teacher for further information.

Japanese
Planning and preparation is well underway for Kedron High’s Japan Tour in September. Students will visit Tokyo, Kyoto, Hiroshima and Kobe, see a number of modern and historically significant sites, attend school and live with Japanese host families from our sister school Fukiai High School. What better way is there to reinforce and extend the language learnt in the classroom?

Chinese
Accompanied by Ms Wu and Mr Boland, twenty Chinese students are looking forward to their trip to China this September. The study tour will take in a number of famous Chinese attractions including Shanghai, Beijing, the Great Wall, the Forbidden City, and the Terracotta Warriors. We look forward to hearing all about their exciting adventures upon their safe return home!

Spanish
Spanish, which was introduced to Kedron High in 2012, continues to grow with our first Year 9 class in 2013. Spanish students have been connected to the world, communicating online with students from Instituto de Educación Secundaria Ies Vaguada de la Palma in Salamanca, Spain.

“*If you speak to a man in a language he understands, you speak to his head. If you speak to a man in his own language, you speak to his heart.*” N*elson Mandela 2007

Here are 5 reasons why learning a second language is so very important.

1. **To gain 2 extra rank points for university entry**
   In 2008, UQ, QUT and Griffith began to recognise that there are some subjects and studies undertaken by high school students that require a high level of skill and knowledge. These subjects better prepare students for the rigour and diversity of tertiary study. As a result of this, the Bonus Rank Scheme was introduced, giving students who pass an approved Language other than English in Senior, 2 bonus rank points.

2. **To improve employment potential**
   A second language is now becoming a vital part of the basic preparation for an increasing number of national and international careers. It can enhance career mobility and improve chances of promotion.

3. **To increase native language literacy**
   Knowing one language helps you understand another. Our first language and other languages work in partnership to strengthen and enrich our repertoire of literacy practices.

4. **To improve cognitive development and thinking skills**
   People who have learned foreign languages show greater cognitive development in areas such as mental flexibility, creativity, and higher order thinking skills, such as problem-solving, conceptualizing, and reasoning.

5. **To foster intercultural understanding**
   Through the study of languages, students gain a rich, broad understanding, respect and sensitivity of other cultures, people and customs. Intercultural Understanding is one of the seven General Capabilities in the Australian Curriculum.