

LANGUAGES EDUCATION POLICY

PURPOSE

At Devon Meadows Primary School we recognise the importance of developing communication skills in Languages Other Than English (LOTE).

In learning another language children explore wider social contexts than their own and develop understandings that there are different ways of looking at the world.

When learning another language children increase their understanding of the systematic nature of language in general.

Auslan is the chosen language at Devon Meadows Primary School because;

- It is recognised as an important community language by the Australian Government Language Policy
- It is utilised within our local community
- It is recognised within the Victorian Curriculum Standards.
- It was the preference of our school community.

GUIDELINES

A language teacher will implement this program.

Planning of the program will be based on the Victorian Curriculum Standards

The aim of the language program is to:

- communicate in Auslan
- understand language, culture and learning and their relationship, and thereby develop an intercultural capability in communication
- understand themselves as communicators
- develop a knowledge and an understanding of the diversity of Deaf experience and the nature of identity.

The language program will allow for individual differences. The program will recognise that children's individual progress through the stages will not be uniform. Each child will develop competence and the ability to effectively communicate in Auslan at their own pace.

The language program will be developed sequentially from Foundation to Grade 6.

The language teacher will be provided with the necessary professional development. A program budget will be implemented that reflects the importance of Auslan.

Auslan will be learnt in an educational, interactive atmosphere. Students will participate in simulated and where possible, real life situations. Activities chosen will promote knowledge of Auslan.

EVALUATION

All policies will be reviewed as part of the school's cyclic review process. This policy will be reviewed in February 2022.

Program effectiveness will be monitored using strategies such as teacher discussions and parent surveys.



COUNCIL APPROVED: _____

DATE: _____