German @ Tambo

Tambo Upper Primary School is committed to the delivery of a quality LOTE (German) program for all students from Prep through to Year 6. The emphasis in these classes is to stimulate the students’ interest in German and to make learning a LOTE fun and as interesting as possible. Students are introduced to the language through stories, activities and games, poems, rhymes, drama, songs, video programs, multimedia resources and conversation models.

At the junior level, important core language is introduced including greetings, everyday expressions, numbers, colours, the body and health, daily routines, food and likes and dislikes. Through the sequencing of activities and language, the students build new skills, knowledge and attitudes on the levels already achieved. Grammar is also explicitly taught. Students make connections between the LOTE and English and develop an understanding of how language systems work.

The LOTE program aims to develop an awareness and appreciation of another language and culture and follows closely Victorian Essential Learning Standards (VELS) with a focus on improving the skills of listening, speaking, reading, viewing and writing, using a diverse range of materials and genres, texts and media in confined contexts.

Why learn another language?

- It’s fun!
- It helps develop our communication skills.
- It helps develop and improve our abilities in writing, reading and mathematics.
- We gain some proficiency in communicating in another language.
- It helps develop our skills in flexible thinking and program solving.
- It broadens our job skills and career options.
- We develop (through the language) an understanding of the social conventions of other cultures, allowing us to participate more effectively in a multicultural world.

Language is one of the chief ways in which people show who they are and where they belong. Learning a language provides you with a better understanding of your own language and culture.

- It makes travel in other countries more enjoyable; if you move away from the regular tourist routes, you quickly notice that not everyone in the world speaks English. The more we know about the language(s) of the country we are exploring, the more we shall be rewarded with a visit that is insightful and comfortable.