

ignite excellence

FLEX – FOREIGN LANGUAGES EXCELLENCE - Year 8 only

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

FLEX (Foreign Languages Excellence) is a co-curricular opportunity offered to Year 8 students as part of the wider Ignite Excellence opportunities at Grace Lutheran College. The purpose of the co-curricular FLEX opportunity is to provide students with a pathway to maintain and further develop their language skills outside the classroom and, explore the German/Japanese cultures in greater depth.

The FLEX opportunity is provided in the way of lunch time, before school or afternoon sessions, once a fortnight. On some occasions, longer events and/or incursions and excursions may also occur for FLEX participants.

Students will have access to a broad range of experiences. The activities may include, but are not limited to:

- Reading short stories in the target language;
- Analysis of German/Japanese movies, poetry and art;
- Exploring artistic styles and movements;
- Making origami;
- Puppet shows (script writing & performance);
- Preparing traditional dishes;
- German Day at the Zoo – Lone Pine Sanctuary (in partnership with the Goethe Institute);
- Japanese and German exchange tours (Years 10 - 12).

FLEX forms part of the College's overall structure for the development of skills and talent in the area of foreign languages.



Year 7 - Choose a language: German or Japanese

Year 8 - Languages offered as Semester electives: Japanese or German

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Years 9 –12 - Year long Languages electives: Japanese or German

Post schooling options: Study German or Japanese at UQ Institute of Modern Language; Study Languages with Business, Law, Music, Medicine, Engineering or other degrees; Study any degree at a University in Japan or Germany; do a GAP Year in that country to experience the culture and see the world.

ELIGIBILITY

Whilst participation in FLEX is not compulsory, it is highly recommended for all Year 8 students enrolled in German or Japanese. Any interested Year 8 student may participate.

Costs involved: Where the activities take place on campus and are run by a GLC teacher, no cost will be incurred. However, for larger scale events such as special excursions, forms detailing the dates times/venue/cost will be sent to parents in advance.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Year 8 students can register to participate in the program by simply speaking with their Language Teacher, or by contacting the College's *Learning Lead - Languages and Social Science*.

