

# HONOURS: GERMAN IMMERSION PROGRAM OF EXCELLENCE

Learning another language is not only learning different words for the same things, but learning another way to think about things

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# WHAT IS THE HONOURS GERMAN IMMERSION PROGRAM?

The Honours German Immersion Program is an academically rigorous program, tailored for high-achieving students. It is for students who have the ability, initiative and a strong commitment to their academic studies. This program offers a distinctive chance for students to excel academically and simultaneously master a new language.

Designed for students who may have limited or no prior experience with German, the program teaches various subjects using German as the primary language of instruction. This approach empowers students to think creatively.

## BENEFITS OF THE GERMAN IMMERSION PROGRAM

Research consistently underscores the advantages of learning in an immersion setting compared to a monolingual classroom. These benefits include:

- Achieving high proficiency in German
- Boosting literacy skills in English
- Cultivating a deeper understanding of other cultures, along with critical thinking, enhanced communication, and problem-solving abilities
- Improving multitasking abilities, memory, and attention span
- Gaining a faster track to advanced language studies in senior school years
- Expanding career and educational prospects
- Collaborating with German educational institutions to enhance learning experiences
- Participating in local, national and global language competitions
- Participating in an exchange program to Germany at the end of Year 10
- Making learning an enjoyable experience!



## HOW DOES IT WORK?

Students in this program follow the same core curriculum as their peers, in Maths, Science and Humanities. Students also choose German as one of their elective subjects but with German as the primary language of instruction. Those enrolled are expected to commit to the program for four years, progressing through Years 7 to 10.

Upon completing Year 10, students can choose subjects that fit their preferred academic pathway. As an accelerated program, students begin Senior German in Year 10 and finish the course by Year 11. Upon completing Senior German in Year 11, German Immersion students have the chance to pursue German Extension in Year 12.



"The limits of my language mean the limits of my world"

Ludwig Wittgenstein

## HOW DO I APPLY?

Prospective students entering Year 7 can apply for the Honours German Immersion Program by completing and submitting the Honours Application Form, which is available on the school website under "Excellence Programs". The completed form, along with previous NAPLAN results and a referee statement, should be sent to [enrolment@thegapshs.eq.edu.au](mailto:enrolment@thegapshs.eq.edu.au).

The selection process includes submitting the application, NAPLAN scores, and referee statement, as well as participating in external honours testing. For specific dates and timelines related to the application and testing, please refer to the school website.