



# MARY IMMACULATE PRIMARY SCHOOL

*A dynamic and caring community, committed to enacting our faith; inspiring, challenging and engaging lifelong learners.  
(excellence, integrity, inclusiveness, respect)*

## **Languages – Italian Statement**

Learning a language – Italian, in addition to English, extends our students' literacy repertoires and their capacity to communicate. It also strengthens our students' understanding of the nature of language and culture, and the processes of communication. Learning Italian also broadens our students' horizons about the world in which they live.

The Italian Languages curriculum aims to develop the knowledge, understanding and skills so that our students are able to:

- communicate in Italian
- understand the relationship between language, culture and learning
- develop intercultural capabilities
- understand themselves as communicators.

At Mary Immaculate Primary School, Italian is based on the Victorian Curriculum and taught by our Italian specialist teacher. The content descriptions of the Italian Language Curriculum are organised through two interrelated strands. The two strands are 'Communicating' and 'Understanding'. Each strand contains several sub-strands. Communicating sub-strands include Socialising, Informing, Creating, Translating and Reflecting. Understanding sub-strands include 'Systems of Language', 'Language Variation and Change' and 'The Role of Language and Culture'.

All students attend a 45-minute lesson each week, planned and taught by our Italian teacher. The Italian specialist teacher has regular contact with classroom teachers and school leadership to provide a program which supports the current classroom focus wherever possible. The specialist teacher organises incursions and excursions where appropriate. Assessment is ongoing, with student progress reported twice yearly against school-based outcomes, which are based on the Victorian Curriculum standards. Students also take part in our annual Italian Day to celebrate and showcase their Italian learning and the Italian culture.

The evaluation of the Languages - Italian Statement will occur regularly as required.

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