What is this course about?

In level 2 Japanese, you will build on the basics and use the language more confidently in everyday situations. You will expand your vocabulary, learn more complex sentence structures, and use more Kanji, which will help you read and write more fluently. You will also explore deeper aspects of Japanese culture, traditions, and social customs. This year is when you really start to connect ideas, express yourself more naturally, and hold longer conversations. It's an exciting step where you can see your progress and enjoy using Japanese in real-life contexts like travel, hobbies, and friendships.

What sorts of things will I do?

In this course, you will learn to:

- express opinions about daily life and current trends in Japan
- initiate and maintain a conversation that may have some unpredictable content.
- increase their competency in the four language skills of reading, writing, listening, and speaking, covering general communication functions with specific study in grammar and Kanji.
- Focus on the language, culture, history, geography, and customs of Japan, and also connect with other Japanese-speaking students in the community and guest visitors
- Watch Japanese TV and movies and discuss them by comparing trends

Events

- Participate in the Japanese cultural event "Kakehashi" = through fun activities and quizzes, you will learn more about Japan.
- Hosting a group of students from Japan = great opportunity to make Japanese friends
- Visiting a Japanese restaurant = to experiencing authentic Japanese food and ordering food in Japanese

Significant Learning

- engage with others respectfully when communicating and exchanging information, ideas, and opinions
- be exposed to, practise, and enjoy experimenting with a wide range of spoken, written, and visual communication in Japanese
- build a growing awareness of the processes involved in additional language acquisition, including sustained, repeated practice, risk-taking, and learning from mistakes
- show increasing awareness of differences and connections between Japanese and their first language(s) and develop the ability to navigate between them
- grow intercultural awareness by questioning assumptions and stereotypes, and exploring how language and culture affect, and work together in, communication
- develop awareness that there can be different ways of representing sound in writing between and within languages
- Explore the use of script and the connection between script and pronunciation in different contexts.

Nga Rau o Te Whariki o ASHS

Rangatiratanga (self-determination) supports ākonga to achieve. Thinking and meaning-making are promoted. Learning is meaningful and connected.

To experience success, students will have opportunities to develop their learning dispositions through:

Engagement: Managing Self: Learning relationships:

- Actively think about and engage with the content and concepts.
- Regularly review the assessment marking criteria to understand the focus areas and what is required to achieve success.
- Identify and plan any tasks that need to be completed or reviewed.
- Set clear goals for what you aim to complete or achieve during the lesson.
- Ask questions to the teacher to deepen your understanding of the content.
- Take advantage of opportunities to work with different groups, actively seeking diverse perspectives and peer feedback.

What standards can I enter? Assessment Credits NCEA Standard Name of standard **Approximate** Level Number assessment date 2 4 AS91135 Internal Term 1 Give a spoken presentation in Japanese that communicates information, ideas, and opinions 2 AS91137 Write a variety of text types in Japanese 5 Internal Term 2 to convey information, ideas, and opinions in genuine contexts 2 AS91134 Interact using spoken Japanese to share 5 Internal Term 3 information and justify ideas and opinions in different situations 2 AS91133 5 Term 4 Demonstrate understanding of a variety External of spoken Japanese texts on familiar matters 2 AS 91136 Demonstrate understanding of a variety 5 External Term 4 of written and/or visual Japanese text(s)

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