

Languages Other Than English (L.O.T.E.) Policy

2018

Rationale

To ensure students have access to Language Other Than English (L.O.T.E) program, Moorabbin Primary School's language of study is Mandarin Chinese. Students from Prep to Year 6 at Moorabbin Primary School have access to the L.O.T.E program, which provides opportunities for students to become familiar with the languages and cultures of China as well as the Chinese speaking communities.

1. Aim

The aim of this policy is to –

- Develop an awareness of the importance of learning another language.
- Increase students' awareness of the multilingual and multicultural nature of Australia and other societies.
- Develop an awareness of the importance of the international community.
- Provide opportunities and encourage communication in Mandarin Chinese.
- Promote positive attitudes towards language learning and culture awareness.
- Integrate, where appropriate, with other curriculum areas.

2. Implementation

The L.O.T.E program will –

- encompass and integrate knowledge and skills from the Victorian Curriculum.
- incorporate social and cultural aspects of Mandarin Chinese.
- use Mandarin Chinese in contexts that are meaningful to students in simulated or real life situations.

Moorabbin Primary School will employ a LOTE teacher to allow maximum contact time per grade.

3. Evaluation

The LOTE policy should be reviewed every four years in line with policy review guidelines. Feedback from community will be sought through surveys and questionnaires.

4. Resources

DET website:

- Victorian Government's Vision for Language Education
http://www.education.vic.gov.au/Documents/school/teachers/teachingresources/discipline/languages/2016_Languages_provision_report.pdf