



What is a JAPANESE Immersion Program?

A Japanese Immersion Program is an academic excellence program where at least 50% of the school day is spent learning the regular classroom subject matter in Japanese. Our students will learn Math, Japanese, Science, Computers, and Digital Art in Japanese.

What does an Immersion Program achieve?

The goal of an Immersion Program is to achieve the curricular objectives taught whilst becoming functionally proficient in the language.

It is not, however, only WHAT students learn but HOW students learn that has life long positive affects.

Research shows that students who study Immersion language programs achieve better academic outcomes than students who do not.

Immersion students demonstrate:

- Improved language and linguistic proficiency- demonstrating enhanced levels of English language skills and metalinguistic awareness. (Harley, Hart & Lapkin, 1986).
- Improved cognitive flexibility (Bruck, et al., 1976), and better nonverbal problem-solving.
- Improved results in non-Immersion subjects (Genesee, 1987; Lambert & Tucker, 1972; Swain & Lapkin, 1982).
- Improved study skills and learning techniques.

What is the Immersion Classroom like?

Imagine studying in a class that is full of focussed, interested students; a class where everyone has a diligent attitude, where everyone wants to succeed to the best of their potential. This is your immersion classroom: a group of like minded students working with a skilled facilitator to develop high levels of understanding and cognitive skill.

Who teaches our Immersion Program?

Native speakers and non-native speakers who are fluent in Japanese and who have qualifications and experience teaching the various curriculum areas of the course.

How long does the Japanese Immersion Program last?

The Japanese Immersion Program runs for three years, in Year 8, 9 and 10. After Year 10 students will join mainstream senior classes, however they will continue their Japanese studies as advanced Japanese students.

Is there a special fee for this course?

All subjects at Robina High have a levy, according to the costs involved in delivering the subject. Immersion students need many teacher prepared worksheets to assist them, as they are not able to use English language textbooks the same way as other students. We charge an annual fee in order to cover the extra costs involved.



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Selection Criteria for Interested Students

- A diligent and committed work ethic.

Most importantly, students who wish to enrol in an immersion program must be diligent students with a capacity to persevere in challenging situations. For the first few months the immersion course is very challenging. It takes time to adjust to learning in another language. A positive outlook and a capacity to maintain effort under pressure is very important.

- An ability to achieve good academic results.

The Japanese Immersion Program is a program of academic excellence. Students of immersion programs increase their cognitive skills and improve their results in other subjects due to the rigour of study in another language.

- An interest and aptitude in Japanese studies.

Students who are achieving high results in Japanese studies would be suited to Japanese immersion.

What do graduates of Immersion Programs say about their experience?

"When my non-Immersion friends moved from Year 10 into Year 11 they were all shell shocked from the new level of difficulty with senior classes. Those of us who had been doing Immersion experienced no such problem. Senior was a breeze after three years of Immersion! We all knew how to study, and had developed learning habits during lessons to improve our understandings. Nearly all of the award winners in senior subjects were Immersion graduates - it's the same every year. Studying Immersion does something amazing to the way you learn - and it stays with you even after you stop studying the Immersion course."

Alannah (2007 graduate) was offered a scholarship at Melbourne University to study Medicine. She was one of four students - all Immersion graduates to receive OP1's in 2007.

What is the application procedure?

Interested students should contact:

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Alternatively, applicants may visit our website
www.robinashs.eq.edu.au to access an
application form.

Application forms should be sent via email to
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