

**Queen Margaret College**  
**Year 12 Japanese B SL/HL Programme**  
**International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme**

Course Component	Percentage of final grade	Internal / External	Proposed assessment date
Paper 1	25%	External	November 2020
Paper 2	50%	External	November 2020
Individual Oral	25%	Internal	Term 3 2019

### Course details

The aim of the two-year Japanese B course is to develop students' international-mindedness through the study of the language, culture, and issues of global significance. Students have opportunities to communicate about matters of personal, local and global interest covering five themes: identities, experience, human ingenuity, social organisation and sharing the planet. They develop their confidence in using and understanding the language in a range of relevant contexts, and for different purposes. Students consolidate grammatical structures and write a variety of text types. They are taught in Japanese whenever possible, and have regular conversation classes with our Japanese language assistant to help develop their fluency and comprehension.

### Course Information

- In 2019 Year 12 Japanese B is an option subject

Year 12	Topic	Possible areas of study
Term 1	Family life	Friendships, personal relationships, the changing role of family and marriage, comparing Japanese traditions and attitudes with our own, and imagining your own ideal future and family.
Term 2	Food and Health	Balanced eating, the social importance of food in different cultures, the social and physical advantages of sport, and the necessity for rest and relaxation.
Term 3	Education and jobs	Student life in Japan, the school system, rules, examinations and future jobs.
Term 4	Leisure activities	Traditional culture, modern culture, youth culture, comparing Japanese and New Zealand activities.

### Homework expectations

Your daughter should be learning at home for a total of at least 15 hours per week, across all subjects.

To achieve at a high level in this subject, students are expected to complete homework during the week. The key to language learning is 'little and often'. Homework might include:

- Learning a number of words, verbs or phrases
- Completion of assignments started in class
- Reading and grammar exercises to do or an essay to write

- Creating revision material
- Reviewing the work completed during class time
- Revision of vocabulary learned in class with [www.languageperfect.com](http://www.languageperfect.com)
- Catching up on work missed due to absence
- Carrying out a research task on the internet

**Students will be subscribed to [www.languageperfect.com](http://www.languageperfect.com) and will receive the IB Japanese kanji booklet which accompanies the course. An approximate cost of \$30 for the website and \$30 for the booklet will be charged to the parents' or caregivers' school account.**