

Year 8 2026 Language Selections

SEPTEMBER 2025



Year 8 Languages



Students select preferences from ONE of the following options:

- ▶ Chinese
- ▶ French
- ▶ German
- ▶ Japanese
- ▶ Latin
- ▶ Latin AND Classical Greek
- ▶ TWO languages excluding Classical Greek (you need to student Latin with Classical Greek)

Language choices should be based on:



1. Interests

- ▶ What provides you with enjoyment?
- ▶ What will motivate you to apply yourself?

2. Strengths

- ▶ Which course are you more likely to succeed in?

3. Future study needs (including Stage 5, HSC or University)

- ▶ Which course might you consider studying in the future?

N.B. Should align with points 1 & 2 anyway

Language choices should NOT be based on:

- ▶ What your friends choose
 - ▶ Different interests, strengths & potentially different classes
- ▶ A specific teacher
 - ▶ The teacher might not teach the subject next year or may teach a class that you are not in



Language prerequisites



- ▶ Students may choose a language not studied in Year 7
 - ▶ Require at least a credit in both languages for Semester 1
 - ▶ Are required to catch up on Year 7 work & demonstrate requisite knowledge at the start of Year 8

N.B this is largely for students who could not do a language they wanted to study in Year 7

- ▶ Students picking up Latin in Year 8 who did not study Latin in Year 7 must choose this as an additional language (offline) – i.e. studying TWO languages in Year 8

Choosing Languages

- ▶ Students make their choices online through Edval
- ▶ You are encouraged to select a course you have studied previously (Classical Greek the exception)
- ▶ Nominate ONE preference, with an optional reserve
 - ▶ Choose ONE language if you only want to study one
 - ▶ Choose Latin + Classical Greek if you'd like to study Classical Greek (this includes a morning class)
 - ▶ Choose TWO languages if you're interested (will include a morning class)
 - ▶ Add a reserve option if you'd be happy to do your other current language instead
 - ▶ Select the EITHER option if you don't mind which language you study at all out of the two studied in Year 7



Language Preferences



You know what you want (and studied in Year 7)

Chinese

French

German

Japanese

Latin

Latin AND Classical Greek
TWO languages in order of preference

You don't mind at all which of your two Year 7

EITHER Chinese OR Latin

EITHER Chinese OR German

EITHER Chinese OR French

EITHER Latin OR German

EITHER Latin OR French

EITHER German OR French

EITHER Japanese OR Chinese

EITHER Japanese OR German

EITHER Japanese OR French

You want to pick up a different language

Chinese (not studied)

French (not studied)

German (not studied)

Japanese (not studied)

Latin (not studied) AND another language

How are these preferences used?



- ▶ Languages are grouped into 4-5 classes on each of the two lines based on student preferences to maximise student choice
 - ▶ Chinese teachers determine appropriate level for each student
- ▶ It's not always possible for every student to study what he has chosen
 - ▶ Highly demanded courses may have limits due to staffing
 - ▶ Natural cut-off numbers may be needed

e.g. 32 boys might choose a subject and only one class of 30 may be running. 2 boys will have to be eliminated.

 - ▶ Not enough students may be choosing to take the offline second language to make the class viable

Language Lines

Based on student needs & change most years



- Languages grouped together into two lines with 90 students on each line
- Mathematics classes based on language lines with one top class

| 2023 | |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| Line 1 | Line A |
| Chinese Beg 2 Classical Greek French German Japanese | Chinese Adv Chinese Interm French Latin |

| 2024 | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| Line 1 | Line A |
| French German Japanese Latin | Chinese Adv Chinese Interm Japanese Latin |

| 2025 | |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| Line 1 | Line A |
| Japanese French German | Chinese Adv Chinese Interm Classical Greek Latin |

| Mathematics classes | |
|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Line 1 | Line A |
| Mathematics 8-1 Mathematics 8P & 8L | Mathematics 8-A Mathematics 8U & 8S |

Additional Latin class
offline for 2nd Language

Some considerations



- ▶ No decisions on languages made until 9am Tuesday Week 10 – just enter preferences on time
 - ▶ Students submitting late will be assumed to not mind which language they study in Year 8 and allocated a Year 7 language they studied
- ▶ Enter your preferences in Edval early to confirm your access
 - ▶ you can go back and change later if needed
- ▶ Decision on entry into Year 8 Chinese Advanced course based on Year 7 performance in Chinese

Two Languages



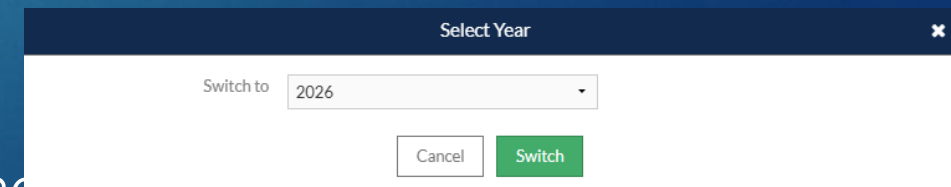
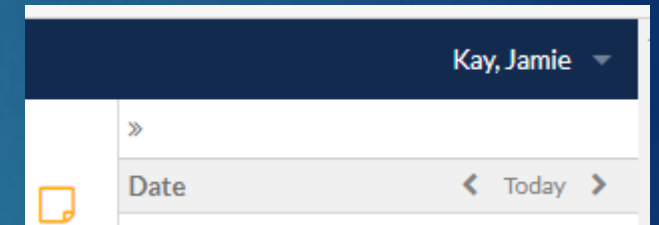
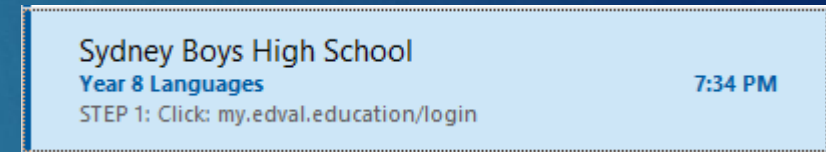
- ▶ Allows you to develop skills beneficial for your English
- ▶ Enhances development of both languages
- ▶ Allows you to use your best 10 subjects on Year 8 reports
 - e.g. a D in your second language would replace another course result of C or below
- ▶ If choosing TWO languages:
 - ▶ this may be difficult to manage if doing a lot of music programs
 - ▶ You will need to keep both languages all year unless you drop the offline course (Classical Greek students must keep both languages all year)
 - ▶ Latin 2nd language is before school, other languages are during school
 - ▶ Offline classes are 8am every week on Tuesday and Thursday
 - ▶ Place your preferred language first of the two (in case you can only do one)
- ▶ Classical Greek may only be selected by students studying Latin in Year 7
- ▶ You must list your TWO languages in order of your preference in case only one is offered

What next?

1. Consider your language choice
2. Speak with your language teachers as needed to gain further information
3. Webcodes will be available following presentation
 - ▶ Check your @sbhs.nsw.gov.au email **SAVE THIS EMAIL** (ensure the correct year is **2026** by clicking your name on the top right)

N.B. it may be in your junk mail

4. Fill in your preferences online
 - ▶ Cut-off for preferences is **9am Tuesday Week 10 (23/9) - Note the date and time due**
 - ▶ You can change your preferences in Edval until this time





Choice

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YEAR 8 LANGUAGES 2025

Open for submission

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Year 8 Languages

| Main Units | Subject | Units |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------------|---------|
| Language Choice | <input type="text" value="No selection"/> | 0 |
| | | Total 0 |

| Reserve Units | Subject | Units |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|---------|
| Reserve (if happy to do your other language if needed) | <input type="text" value="No selection"/> | 0 |
| | | Total 0 |

Cancel

Submit

Either choose ONE language:



Year 8 Languages

| Main Units | Subject | Units |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------|---------|
| Language Choice | <input type="text" value="French"/> | 1 |
| | | Total 1 |

| Reserve Units | Subject | Units |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|---------|
| Reserve (if happy to do your other language if needed) | <input type="text" value="No selection"/> | 0 |
| | | Total 0 |

Cancel

Submit

or Latin & Classical Greek:



Year 8 Languages

| Main Units | Subject | Units |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Language Choice | <input type="text" value="Latin AND Classical Greek"/> | 1 |
| | | Total 1 |

| Reserve Units | Subject | Units |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|---------|
| Reserve (if happy to do your other language if needed) | <input type="text" value="No selection"/> | 0 |
| | | Total 0 |

or TWO languages:
(ensure your first priority language is listed first)



Year 8 Languages

| Main Units | Subject | Units |
|-----------------|------------------|---------|
| Language Choice | Latin AND French | 1 |
| | | Total 1 |

| Reserve Units | Subject | Units |
|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------|---------|
| Reserve (if happy to do your other language if needed) | No selection | 0 |
| | | Total 0 |

or ONE plus a reserve if willing to do your other language if needed



Year 8 Languages

| Main Units | Subject | Units |
|-----------------|---------|---------|
| Language Choice | Chinese | 1 |
| | | Total 1 |

| Reserve Units | Subject | Units |
|--------------------------------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Reserve (if happy to do your other language if needed) | Latin | 1 |
| | | Total 1 |

or the relevant EITHER option if you don't mind studying either Year 7 language



Year 8 Languages

| Main Units | Subject | Units | Reserve Units | Subject | Units |
|-----------------|------------------------------------------------------|---------|--------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|---------|
| Language Choice | <input type="text" value="EITHER German OR French"/> | 1 | Reserve (if happy to do your other language if needed) | <input type="text" value="No selection"/> | 0 |
| | | Total 1 | | | Total 0 |

If picking up a new language not studied in Year 7



Year 8 Languages

| Main Units | Subject | Units |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Language Choice | <input type="text" value="Japanese - not studied"/> | 1 |
| | | Total 1 |

| Reserve Units | Subject | Units |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|---------|
| Reserve (if happy to do your other Year 7 language if needed) | <input type="text" value="No selection"/> | 0 |
| | | Total 0 |

What NOT to enter



- ▶ EITHER and then the same in a reserve

Year 8 Languages

| Main Units | Subject | Units |
|-----------------|-------------------------|---------|
| Language Choice | EITHER German OR French | 1 |
| | | Total 1 |

| Reserve Units | Subject | Units |
|--------------------------------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Reserve (if happy to do your other language if needed) | German | 1 |
| | | Total 1 |

Nor.....



- ▶ A third language (you only studied TWO in Year 7)

Year 8 Languages

| Main Units | Subject | Units |
|-----------------|-------------------------|---------|
| Language Choice | EITHER German OR French | 1 |
| | | Total 1 |

| Reserve Units | Subject | Units |
|--------------------------------------------------------|----------|---------|
| Reserve (if happy to do your other language if needed) | Japanese | 1 |
| | | Total 1 |

What if I change my mind?



- ▶ Preferences close 9am Tuesday Week 10
- ▶ In Week 7 of Term 4 ONLY, after reports distributed, students may email any language change requests to Mr J Kay

N.B. Once timetable lines are formed and the timetable is underway, your new preferences may or may not be possible

- In demand-courses
- Line clashes

N.B. Changing courses at the start of Year 8 is highly unlikely as 90 students fixed on each line

| 2025 | |
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| Line 1 | Line A |
| Japanese French German | Chinese Adv Chinese Interm Classical Greek Latin |

Confirmed Languages

- ▶ Course places finalised end of Term 4
- ▶ Confirmation of places in courses emailed Term 4 Week 9
- ▶ Any students picking up a new language must see Mr Zheng by the end of Term 3 to get resources





Questions?

Subject-specific information should be directed to teachers within the faculty