



# GALILEE REGIONAL CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

## L.O.T.E. Policy

### (Languages Other Than English)

#### Rationale

The LOTE Program (currently Italian) enables learners to increase their awareness of the multilingual and multicultural nature of Australian society, and prepare for a broader range of experiences in future use of the language in social activities including leisure, work and study.

#### Aims

- To develop an interest and enjoyment in a language other than English.
- To reinforce that listening, speaking, reading and writing are linked to, and dependent on, one another in the learning of another language.
- To develop communication skills and knowledge of the language.
- To foster an appreciation and respect for the views of other ways of life, languages and cultures.
- To understand social, historical, familial relationships and other aspects of the specific language and culture of the speakers of the language they are studying.
- To integrate LOTE with other curriculum areas where appropriate.

#### Program Description

- The LOTE program will be taught by the LOTE specialist, who will refer to the Victorian Curriculum as well as other resources to create a differentiated approach to the teaching and learning of Italian to all students in the school.
- LOTE lessons will be taught to students from Prep- Year Six. Students in Prep - Year 2 will participate in 1x1 hour lessons per week. Students in Year 3-6 will participate in 1x 40min lessons per week.
- Lessons will reflect student needs and interests wherever possible and will provide opportunities to use the language in meaningful situations from everyday life.
- The program will be integrated with other curriculum areas where appropriate.
- An annual budget will be prepared in order to upgrade resources and reference material.
- Bi annually a day will be dedicated to the Italian Culture and Language will be organised by the Specialist Teacher in collaboration with classroom teachers.