



# Languages



# Course Eligibility Criteria for Stage 6 Students

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Students have the option to study at least 2 Units of Spanish for their Preliminary HSC and HSC.

The available courses at Waverley College are:

- Spanish Beginners
- Spanish Continuers

However, students may also choose to study a different language through distance education at the NSW School of Languages.

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## Course Eligibility Criteria for Stage 6 Beginners

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The Beginners syllabus provides an opportunity for students with little or no background in a language to take up the study of that language as a beginner in Stage 6.

The course involves a significant amount of vocabulary learning and grammar.

Therefore, students will require strong literacy skills, and will be expected to be in the top 30% of their Stage 5 English course.

Students are required to meet all of the criteria at the entry point to that course:

- Students have had no more than 100 hours' study of the language at the secondary level (or the equivalent).
  - Students have little or no previous knowledge of the language. For exchange students, a significant in-country experience of more than three months renders a student ineligible.
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## Topics explored in 2 Unit Beginners Course

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The study of languages contributes to the overall education of students, particularly in the area of communication, cross-cultural appreciation, literacy and general knowledge. It also promotes the understanding of different attitudes and values within the wider Australian community and beyond.

The prescribed topics encompass the following:

- Family life, home and neighbourhood
  - People, places and communities
  - Education and work
  - Friends, recreation and pastimes
  - Holidays, travel and tourism
  - Future plans and aspirations
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## Course Eligibility Criteria for Stage 6 Continuers

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The Continuers syllabus is designed for the student who will have studied Spanish for 400-500 hours by completion of Stage 6. Some students with less formal experience will also be able to meet the requirements of the course successfully.

Students will require strong literacy skills, and will be expected to be in the top 20% of their Stage 5 English course.

Students are required to meet all of the criteria at the entry point to that course:

- Students have had no more than three years residency in the past 10 years in a country where the language is the medium of communication.
  - Students do not use the language for sustained communication outside the classroom with someone with a background in using the language.
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## Topics explored in 2 Unit Continuers Course

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There are three prescribed themes in this course:

- The individual
- The Spanish-speaking communities
- The changing world

**The individual** - enables students to explore aspects of their personal world, for instance their sense of self, aspirations for the future, personal values, opinions, ideas, and relationships with others.

**The Spanish-speaking communities** - explores topics from the perspective of groups within those communities and encourages students to reflect on their own and other cultures.

**The changing world** - enables students to explore change as it affects aspects of the world of work and other topics, such as current affairs and youth issues.

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## Alternatively, students may choose to study through the NSW School of Languages:

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- French
  - Italian
  - Portuguese
  - Latin
  - German
  - Modern Greek
  - Indonesian
  - Japanese
  - Korean
  - Chinese
  - Russian
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# Course Fees for the NSW School of Languages

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## For Non-Government School Students

- Enrolment - Years 11 or 12  
2020      \$800 (1 year)
- Enrolment - 1 Unit Extension Course,  
2020      \$400 (1 year)

## Years 11 or 12, 2020

- Where a student withdraws from a course within the first term of enrolment, the refund is \$600.
  - Where a student withdraws from a course within the second term of enrolment, the refund is \$400.
  - Where a student withdraws from a course within the third or fourth term of enrolment, the fee is non-refundable.
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# Where should I go if I have any further questions?

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- Speak to your language teacher and seek their recommendation, as they will always have your best interest at heart. They have the expertise to recommend the appropriate level of Spanish or another second language best suited to meet your needs and interests.
  - Speak to your Head of Department, Ms Priscilla Quintana.
  - Be honest with yourself, reflect on your results in English, as well as your interest and commitment to pursuing your studies in languages.
  - It's a worthwhile investment in your future because it's rewarding, challenging, prepares you to be an active global citizen, and most importantly, it is a lot of fun!
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