

School Leaders, Heads of Learning Area – Languages and Teachers of Japanese: Background Language ATAR Year 11 and 12 are requested to note for 2027 the following minor syllabus changes. The syllabus is labelled as ‘For teaching from 2027’.

Japanese: Background Language | ATAR Year 11 and 12 | Summary of minor syllabus changes for 2027

The Year 11 and 12 Japanese: Background Language ATAR syllabus has been revised for teaching from 2027.

- The following sections of the syllabus have been updated/added to align with the WACE versions of other Interstate Languages syllabuses previously updated:
 - Introduction
 - Representation of the Cross-curriculum Priorities
 - Reporting
 - Appendix 6 – Language learning and communication strategies.
- Stylistic/editorial changes have also been applied.
- The following sections of the syllabus have been updated to align with the Japanese in Context syllabus from the NSW Education Standards Authority:
 - Outcomes
 - the ‘Global’ perspective, renamed ‘International’
 - Text and text types/styles of writing.
- The following content areas are now explicitly referenced and reordered in the content section of the syllabus:
 - Linguistic resources
 - Vocabulary
 - Sound and writing systems
 - Intercultural understanding
 - Language learning and communication strategies
 - Course outcomes with exemplification, which has been moved to Appendix 3.
- Weightings in the Year 12 Assessment table have been updated.