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Rationale

Communication is a human imperative, involving interaction to convey meaning as well as imagination, creativity and a broad understanding of ourselves and others. Language learning provides the opportunity for students to engage with the linguistic and cultural diversity of the world and its peoples and reflect on their experience in various aspects of social life, including their own participation and ways of being in the world.

Western Australian senior secondary Languages courses, of which Tamil: Second Language is one, operate from the fundamental principle that, for all students, communicating in two or more languages is a rich, challenging experience of engaging with and participating in the linguistic and cultural diversity of our interconnected world.

Students who study Tamil in the senior secondary years build on a diverse range of language and intercultural knowledge, understanding and skills gained through previous experiences at school and in the community. The study of Tamil enables students to engage with a language spoken by around 90 million people across the world. Tamil is the official language of the Indian state of Tamil Nadu and is also an official language of Sri Lanka and Singapore. Tamil speakers are found around the world, in countries including Malaysia, Myanmar, the United States of America, South Africa, Canada, the United Kingdom, France, Germany, Mauritius and Australia.

As Tamil is widely spoken in Australia, many opportunities exist to hear and use the language in real-life situations as well as through Tamil media in Australia and actual and virtual connections with Tamil communities in rest of the world. Proficiency in Tamil may provide students with enhanced vocational opportunities in domains such as business, trade, science, law, education, tourism, diplomacy, international relations, health and communications.

The Tamil: Second Language ATAR course is designed for students for whom Tamil is a second or subsequent language. These students have not been exposed to, or interacted in, the language outside of the language classroom. They have typically learnt everything they know about Tamil language and culture through classroom teaching in an Australian school, or similar environment, where English is the language of school instruction. Students have typically studied Tamil for 200–400 hours at the commencement of Year 11 and may have experienced some short stays or exchanges in a country where the language is a medium of communication.

The language to be studied and assessed is Modern Standard Tamil.

The rich linguistic and cultural diversity of Western Australia, to which Tamil-speaking communities contribute significantly, provides an educational environment where the study of languages and cultures is valued as a unique and integral part of the Western Australian curriculum.

Application for enrolment in a language course

All students wishing to study a Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE) language course are required to complete an online application for permission to enrol in a WACE language course in the year prior to first enrolment in the course.

Aims

The Tamil: Second Language ATAR course builds on students' skills and understanding of the Tamil language and knowledge about the cultures of Tamil-speaking communities. It enables students to:

- interact with others to exchange information, ideas, opinions and experiences in Tamil
- analyse a range of texts in Tamil to comprehend and interpret meaning
- apply the skills they have acquired to produce texts in Tamil to convey information and express ideas, opinions and experiences for specific audiences, purposes and contexts
- demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of language as a system
- reflect on the relationship between language and culture.

Organisation

This course is organised into a Year 11 syllabus and a Year 12 syllabus. The cognitive complexity of the syllabus content increases from Year 11 to Year 12.

Structure of the syllabus

The Year 12 syllabus is divided into two units which are delivered as a pair. The notional time for the pair of units is 110 class contact hours.

Unit 3

This unit focuses on **தமிழ்ப் பண்பாட்டை ஆராய்தல் (Exploring Tamil Culture)**. Through three topics – Entertainment, Cultural heritage and Tamil culture in the world – students extend and refine their communication skills in Tamil and gain a broader and deeper understanding of the language and culture.

Unit 4

This unit focuses on **எங்கள் உலகம் (Our world)**. Through three topics – Planning my future, Youth issues, and Environment – students extend and refine their communication skills in Tamil and gain a broader and deeper understanding of the language and culture.

Each unit includes:

- a unit description – a short description of the focus of the unit
- unit content – the content to be taught and learned.

Organisation of content

The course content is divided into five content areas:

- Perspectives and topics
- Text types and styles of writing
- Linguistic resources
- Intercultural understandings
- Language learning and communication strategies.

These content areas should not be considered in isolation, but rather holistically as content areas that complement one another, and that are interrelated and interdependent.

Perspectives and topics

Each unit is defined by three perspectives and a set of three topics.

The perspectives are:

- personal – explores aspects of the student’s personal world, aspirations, values, opinions, ideas, and relationships with others. Students also explore the topic from the perspectives of other people
- community – explores topics from the perspectives of individuals and groups within those communities or the communities as a whole, and develops an understanding of how culture and identity are expressed through language
- global – explores trends and issues as they affect the global community.

Each perspective has a set of topics that promote meaningful communication and enable students to extend their understanding of the Tamil language and Indian culture. The placement of topics under one or more of the three perspectives is intended to provide a specific viewpoint for the teaching and assessment of the topic.

Text types and styles of writing

In learning a language, it is necessary to engage with and/or produce a wide variety of text types and styles of writing.

Text types are categories of print, spoken, visual or audiovisual text, identified in terms of purpose, audience and features. Text types and textual conventions vary across languages and cultures, and provide information about the society and culture in which they are produced. Students are encouraged to listen to, read and view a range of texts, and need to be provided with opportunities to engage with them.

Styles of writing are the features, patterns and rules of texts which are determined by the text type and the context, audience and purpose of the text. They also include protocols for participating in communication, such as ways of initiating conversations, framing requests, disagreeing and responding. Students are expected to respond to and to produce the following styles of writing individually or in combination: descriptive, informative, personal, persuasive and reflective.

In school-based assessments and the ATAR course examinations, students are expected to respond to and/or produce a range of spoken and written text types in various styles of writing in Tamil.

Linguistic resources

Linguistic resources are the specific elements of language that are necessary for communication. Acquiring linguistic resources allows for the development of knowledge, skills and understandings relevant to the vocabulary, grammar, and sound and writing systems of Tamil.

As well as enabling communication, developing an understanding of the linguistic resources also enhances intercultural understandings, literacy skills and awareness of one's own language. In the Tamil: Second Language ATAR course, students are required to further develop their knowledge and understanding of the structure of Tamil.

Intercultural understandings

Intercultural understandings involve developing knowledge, awareness and understanding of one's own culture/s and language/s, as well as that of the Tamil-speaking world. The study of the perspectives and topics, text types and styles of writing and linguistic resources will enable the development of intercultural understandings which enhance the ability to communicate, interact and negotiate within and across languages and cultures, and understand oneself and others.

The development of intercultural competence can be described as moving from a stage where students are not aware of, or do not understand or practise, cultural norms, to one where cultural practices are so internalised that the student no longer notices them. It is not expected that second language learners will develop this degree of cultural competence without spending considerable time in-country. It is expected, however, that students will develop cultural self-awareness and become aware of cultural issues which govern speech and behaviour in Tamil-speaking communities, and begin to apply these in order to communicate effectively.

Language learning and communication strategies

Language learning and communication strategies are processes, techniques and skills relevant to:

- supporting learning and the acquisition of language
- making meaning from texts
- producing texts
- engaging in spoken interaction.

These strategies support and enhance the development of literacy skills and enable further development of cognitive skills through thinking critically and analytically, solving problems and making connections. Students should be taught these strategies explicitly and be provided with opportunities to practise them.

Representation of the general capabilities

The general capabilities encompass the knowledge, skills, behaviours and dispositions that will assist students to live and work successfully in the twenty-first century. Teachers may find opportunities to incorporate the capabilities into the teaching, learning and assessment program for the Tamil: Second Language ATAR course. The general capabilities are not assessed unless they are identified within the specified unit content.

Literacy

The Tamil: Second Language ATAR course develops students' ability to listen to, read, view, create and perform a range of spoken, written and multimodal texts in Tamil. It provides opportunities for students to move between Tamil and English to analyse, interpret and reflect on texts. Students convey information, ideas and opinions in a variety of text types and formats. They write Tamil texts, in different text types and styles of writing, for a range of contexts, purposes and audiences, applying their knowledge of linguistic resources.

For language learners, literacy involves skills and knowledge that need guidance, time and support to develop. These skills include:

- developing an ability to decode and encode from sound to written systems
- mastering grammatical, orthographic and textual conventions
- developing semantic, pragmatic and critical literacy skills.

For learners of Tamil, literacy development in the language enhances and extends their knowledge and understanding of English literacy, which in turn supports their learning in Tamil.

Numeracy

Students become numerate as they develop the knowledge and skills to use mathematics confidently across all learning areas at school and in their lives more broadly. Numeracy involves students recognising and understanding the role of mathematics in the world and having the dispositions and capacities to use mathematical knowledge and skills purposefully.

Learning Tamil affords opportunities for learners to develop, use and understand patterns, order and relationships, and to reinforce concepts such as number, time and space in their own and in different cultural and linguistic systems.

Information and communication technology capability

In the Tamil: Second Language ATAR course, students develop information and communication technology (ICT) capability as they learn to use ICT effectively and appropriately to access, create and communicate information and ideas, solve problems, and work collaboratively at school and in their lives beyond school. ICT capability involves students in learning to make the most of the technologies available to them, adapting to new ways of doing things as technologies evolve and limiting the risks to themselves and others in a digital environment.

Language learning is enhanced through the use of ICT. Accessing live language environments and texts via digital media extends the boundaries of the classroom and provides opportunities to develop information technology capabilities as well as linguistic and cultural knowledge.

Critical and creative thinking

The Tamil: Second Language ATAR course develops students' ability to think logically, critically and creatively. It provides opportunities for students to inquire, generate, analyse and reflect on a range of information, ideas and perspectives in spoken and written texts. Students learn how to analyse texts and interpret how the language of texts conveys meaning. They reflect on the thinking and processes used to mediate meaning between languages. They apply their knowledge of language as a system to new contexts and learn to revise and modify texts when considering context, purpose and audience.

As students learn to interact with people from diverse backgrounds, and as they explore and reflect critically, they learn to notice, connect, compare and analyse aspects of Tamil language and culture. As a result, they develop critical thinking skills as well as analytical and problem-solving skills.

Personal and social capability

The Tamil: Second Language ATAR course enhances students' personal and social capability as they learn to understand themselves and others and manage their relationships, lives, work and learning more effectively. As they interact with Tamil speakers in culturally appropriate ways in a range of contexts and situations, they develop an understanding of the importance of communicating in a respectful manner.

In the Tamil: Second Language ATAR course, learning to interact in a collaborative and respectful manner, being open-minded and recognising that people view and experience the world in different ways are key elements of personal and social competence. Interacting effectively in an additional language and with people of diverse language backgrounds involves negotiating and interpreting meaning in a range of social and cultural situations – essential aspects of learning Tamil.

Ethical understanding

In learning Tamil, students learn to acknowledge and value difference in their interactions with others and to develop respect for diverse ways of perceiving and acting in the world. Ethical understanding involves students in building a strong personal and socially oriented ethical outlook that helps them to manage context, conflict and uncertainty, and to develop an awareness of the influence that their values and behaviour have on others.

Intercultural understanding

The Intercultural understanding capability is central to the learning of Tamil in the Tamil: Second Language ATAR course as students learn to value their own cultures, languages and beliefs, and those of others. In the Tamil: Second Language ATAR course, development of intercultural understanding is a central aim, as it is integral to communicating in the context of diversity, the development of global citizenship and lifelong learning.

Students bring to their learning various preconceptions, assumptions and orientations shaped by their existing language/s and culture/s that can be challenged by the new language experience. Learning to move between existing and new languages and cultures is integral to language learning and is the key to the development of students' intercultural capability.

By learning a new language, students are able to notice, compare and reflect on things previously taken for granted. This allows them to explore their own linguistic, social and cultural practices as well as those associated with the new language. They begin to see the complexity, variability and sometimes the contradictions involved in using language.

Learning Tamil does not require forsaking a student's first language. It is an enriching and cumulative process that broadens students' communicative repertoire, providing additional resources for interpreting and making meaning. Students come to realise that interactions between different people through the use of different languages also involve interactions between the different kinds of knowledge, understanding and values that are articulated through language/s and culture/s. They realise that successful intercultural communication is not only determined by what they do or say, but also by what members of the other language and culture understand from what they do or say.

Learning to move between languages and cultures is integral to language learning and is the key to the development of students' intercultural understanding.

Intercultural understandings is one of the five content areas of this course.

Representation of the cross-curriculum priorities

The cross-curriculum priorities address the contemporary issues which students face in a globalised world. Teachers may find opportunities to incorporate the priorities into the teaching and learning program for the Tamil: Second Language ATAR course. The cross-curriculum priorities are not assessed unless they are identified within the specified unit content.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures

The study of Languages recognises the interrelationship of languages, identities and cultures across languages, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander languages, and develops an understanding of concepts related to the linguistic landscape of Australia. The Tamil: Second Language ATAR course, along with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures priority, enables students to develop knowledge and understanding by engaging them with the languages and cultures of Australia.

By exploring and reflecting on the interrelationship between language, culture and identity, students are provided with opportunities to understand that the ways in which people use language reflect the values and beliefs of their respective communities, including Australia's rich and diverse Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. The knowledge and understanding gained through this priority will enhance the ability of young people to participate positively in the ongoing development of Australia.

Asia and Australia's engagement with Asia

In Languages, students are able to learn languages of the Asian region, learning to communicate and interact in interculturally appropriate ways and exploring concepts, experiences and perspectives from within and across Asian cultures.

In all the languages, the priority of Asia and Australia's engagement with Asia provides opportunities for students to develop an appreciation for the place of Australia within the Asian region, including the interconnections of languages and cultures, peoples and communities, histories and economies.

They learn how Australia is situated within the Asian region and how our national linguistic and cultural identity is continuously evolving locally, regionally and within an international context.

In learning Tamil, students may engage with a range of texts and concepts related to:

- Asia and Australia's engagement with Asia
- languages and cultures of Asia
- people of Asian heritage within Australia.

Sustainability

The Tamil: Second Language ATAR course provides a context for students to develop their knowledge and understanding of concepts, perspectives and issues related to sustainability in Tamil-speaking communities and the world. Students engage with a range of texts to obtain, interpret and present information, ideas and opinions on concepts such as the environment, conservation, social and political change and how language and culture evolve, and develop their knowledge, understanding and skills relating to sustainability within particular unit topics.

Through interacting with others, respectfully negotiating meaning and mutual understanding, and reflecting on communication, students can learn to live and work in ways that are both productive and sustainable.

Unit 3

Unit description

The focus for this unit is **தமிழ்ப் பண்பாட்டை ஆராய்தல் (Exploring Tamil Culture)**. Students expand their skills, knowledge and understandings through the study of the unit content. They extend and refine their communication skills in Tamil and gain a broader and deeper understanding of the language and culture.

Unit content

An understanding of the Year 11 content is assumed knowledge for students in Year 12. It is recommended that students studying Unit 3 and Unit 4 have completed Unit 1 and Unit 2.

This unit includes the knowledge, understandings and skills described below. This is the examinable content.

Perspectives and topics

Unit 3 is organised around three perspectives and a set of three topics. The placement of a topic under a particular perspective is intended to provide a specific viewpoint for the teaching and assessment of the topic.

Perspectives	Topics
<p>Personal</p> <p>Students explore the topic from their own point of view or from the viewpoint of individuals from Tamil-speaking communities.</p>	<p>Entertainment</p> <p>Students explore popular entertainment in their lives and in the lives of young people in Tamil-speaking communities to develop an insight into the culture.</p>
<p>Community</p> <p>Students investigate how the topic relates to groups in Tamil-speaking communities.</p>	<p>Cultural heritage</p> <p>Students investigate the ways Tamil-speaking communities preserve their cultural heritage.</p>
<p>Global</p> <p>Students examine how the topic impacts the global community.</p>	<p>Tamil culture in the world</p> <p>Students investigate the contribution of Tamil people and their culture to the world.</p>

Text types and styles of writing

Text types

It is necessary for students to engage with a range of text types. The language that students use to respond to and/or produce a range of text types may be either in Tamil or English, as specified in each assessment type.

In the external written examination, a range of text types will be included in the Responding to texts sections.

For the Written communication section, students will be required to produce text types from the list below.

- account
- article
- blog post
- email
- invitation
- journal entry
- letter
- message
- note
- report
- review
- script – speech, interview, dialogue

Styles of writing

Students should respond to and produce the following range of styles of writing in school-based assessments, individually or in combination: descriptive, informative, personal, persuasive, reflective.

Refer to Appendix 2 for details of the features and conventions of the text types and characteristics of the styles of writing.

Linguistic resources

Vocabulary

Vocabulary, phrases and expressions associated with the unit content.

Grammar

Students will be expected to recognise and use the following grammatical items.

Grammatical items	Sub-elements
Adjectives	qualitative
	quantitative
Adverbs	qualitative
	quantitative
Conjunctions	case
	connective
	complex
Pronouns	personal
	indefinite
Sentences and phrases	simple
	compound
	interactive
	proverbs
Verbs	adjectival participle
	adverbial participle
	past continuous
	past perfect
	past tense
	present tense
	future tense
	conditional
Voice	passive

Refer to Appendix 3 for elaborations of grammatical items.

Sound and writing systems

Consolidation of understanding of the sound and writing systems of Tamil, and in particular:

- the difference in complexity between formal written Tamil and spoken Tamil
- the appropriate level of politeness and formality depending on the audience and situation
- accurately pronouncing short and long vowels, and hard, soft and intermediate consonants
- forming words using syllables of vowels and consonants and considering letters that can be used at the beginning and end of Tamil words

- the hard consonants and their conjunction with soft consonants, which assists with correct spelling
- recognising the specific sound difference between consonants and their correct pronunciation to avoid distorting the meanings of words
- recognising complex forms of grammatical structures; for example, cases, joining words and sentence patterns
- using the correct verb endings according to subject, tense, place and number
- expanding on spoken language with an understanding of the relationships between language and cultural identity.

Intercultural understandings

The perspectives and topics, textual conventions of the text types and styles of writing selected, and linguistic resources for the unit should provide students with opportunities to enhance their understanding of their own language/s and culture/s in relation to Tamil language and culture, and enable them to reflect on the ways in which culture influences communication.

Language learning and communication strategies

Language learning and communication strategies taught in this unit will depend on the needs of the students and the learning experiences and/or communication activities taking place. Students should be taught these strategies explicitly and be provided with opportunities to practise them.

Refer to Appendix 4 for a list of language learning and communication strategies.

Dictionaries

Students develop the necessary skills to use dictionaries effectively.

In the written examination, students are permitted to use monolingual and/or bilingual printed dictionaries, in one or two separate volumes.

Unit 4

Unit description

The focus for this unit is **எங்கள் உலகம் (Our world)**. Students consolidate their skills, knowledge and understandings through the study of the unit content. They extend and refine their communication skills in Tamil and gain a broader and deeper understanding of the language and culture.

Unit content

This unit builds on the content covered in Unit 3.

This unit includes the knowledge, understandings and skills described below. This is the examinable content.

Perspectives and topics

Unit 4 is organised around three perspectives and a set of three topics. The placement of a topic under a particular perspective is intended to provide a specific viewpoint for the teaching and assessment of the topic.

Perspectives	Topics
Personal Students explore the topic from their own point of view or from the viewpoint of individuals from Tamil-speaking communities.	Planning my future Students explore their choices as they plan for their future.
Community Students investigate how the topic relates to groups in Tamil-speaking communities.	Youth issues Students investigate current youth issues in the Tamil-speaking communities.
Global Students examine how the topic impacts the global community.	Environment Students examine current environmental issues and how young people can contribute to make a difference.

Text types and styles of writing

Text types

It is necessary for students to engage with a range of text types. The language that students use to respond to and/or produce a range of text types may be either in Tamil or English, as specified in each assessment type.

In the external written examination, a range of text types will be included in Responding to texts sections.

For the Written communication section, students will be required to produce text types from the list below.

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Styles of writing

Students should respond to and produce the following range of styles of writing in school-based assessments, individually or in combination: descriptive, informative, personal, persuasive, reflective.

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Linguistic resources

Vocabulary

Vocabulary, phrases and expressions associated with the unit content.

Grammar

Students will be expected to recognise and use the following grammatical items.

Grammatical items	Sub-elements
Adjectives	qualitative
Adverbs	qualitative
	time
Conjunctions	case
	connective
Prepositions	time
Pronouns	personal
	possessive
	indefinite
Sentences and phrases	simple
	compound
	complex
	composition
	proverbs
Verbs	present tense
	present continuous
	future tense
	conditional

Refer to Appendix 3 for elaborations of grammatical items.

Sound and writing systems

Consolidation of understanding of the sound and writing systems of Tamil, and in particular:

- the difference in complexity between formal written Tamil and spoken Tamil
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- forming words using syllables of vowels and consonants and considering letters that can be used at the beginning and end of Tamil words
- the hard consonants and their conjunction with soft consonants, which assists with correct spelling
- recognising the specific sound difference between consonants and their correct pronunciation to avoid distorting the meaning of the word

- recognising complex forms of grammatical structures; for example, cases, joining words and sentence patterns
- using the correct verb endings according to subject, tense, place, and number
- expanding on spoken language with an understanding of the relationships between language and cultural identity.

Intercultural understandings

The perspectives and topics, textual conventions of the text types and the styles of writing selected, and the linguistic resources for the unit should provide students with opportunities to enhance understanding of their own language/s and culture/s in relation to the Tamil language and culture, and enable them to reflect on the ways in which culture influences communication.

Language learning and communication strategies

Language learning and communication strategies taught in this unit will depend on the needs of the students and the learning experiences and/or communication activities. Students should be taught these strategies explicitly and be provided with opportunities to practise them.

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Assessment

Assessment is an integral part of teaching and learning that in the senior secondary years:

- provides evidence of student achievement
- identifies opportunities for further learning
- connects to the standards described for the course
- contributes to the recognition of student achievement.

Assessment for learning (formative) and assessment of learning (summative) enable teachers to gather evidence to support students and make judgements about student achievement. These are not necessarily discrete approaches and may be used individually or together, and formally or informally.

Formative assessment involves a range of informal and formal assessment procedures used by teachers during the learning process to improve student achievement and to guide teaching and learning activities. It often involves qualitative feedback (rather than scores) for both students and teachers, which focuses on the details of specific knowledge and skills that are being learnt.

Summative assessment involves assessment procedures that aim to determine students' learning at a particular time; for example, when reporting against the standards or after completion of a unit or units. These assessments should be limited in number and made clear to students through the assessment outline.

Appropriate assessment of student work in this course is underpinned by reference to a set of pre-determined course standards. These standards describe the level of achievement required to achieve each grade from A to E. Teachers use these standards to determine how well a student has demonstrated their learning.

Where relevant, higher order cognitive skills (e.g. application, analysis, evaluation and synthesis) and the general capabilities should be included in the assessment of student achievement in this course. All assessment should be consistent with the requirements identified in the course assessment table.

Assessment should not generate workload and/or stress that, under fair and reasonable circumstances, would unduly diminish the performance of students.

School-based assessment

The *Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE) Manual* contains essential information on principles, policies and procedures for school-based assessment that must be read in conjunction with this syllabus.

School-based assessment involves teachers gathering, describing and quantifying information about student achievement.

Teachers design school-based assessment tasks to meet the needs of students. As outlined in the *WACE Manual*, school-based assessment of student achievement in this course must be based on the Principles of Assessment:

- Assessment is an integral part of teaching and learning
- Assessment should be educative
- Assessment should be fair
- Assessment should be designed to meet its specific purpose/s
- Assessment should lead to informative reporting
- Assessment should lead to school-wide evaluation processes
- Assessment should provide significant data for improvement of teaching practices.

The table below provides details of the assessment types and their weighting for the Tamil: Second Language ATAR Year 12 syllabus.

Summative assessments in this course must:

- be limited in number to no more than eight tasks
- allow for the assessment of each assessment type at least once for each unit in the unit pair
- have a minimum value of five per cent of the total school assessment mark
- provide a representative sampling of the syllabus content.

Assessment tasks not administered under test or controlled conditions require appropriate authentication processes.

Assessment table – Year 12

Type of assessment	Weighting	Submitted to the Authority	Combined mark weighting
Oral communication Interaction with others to exchange information, ideas, opinions and/or experiences in spoken Tamil. Typically, these tasks are administered under test conditions.	50%	100% Practical	35% Practical
Examination – Practical (oral) examination Typically conducted at the end of each semester and/or unit and reflecting the examination design brief for this syllabus.	50%		
Examination – Written examination Typically conducted at the end of each semester and/or unit and reflecting the examination design brief for this syllabus.	50%	100% Written	65% Written
Written communication Production of written texts to express information, ideas, opinions and/or experiences in Tamil. Questions specify the context, purpose, audience, text type and style of writing. Typically, these tasks are administered under test conditions.	20%		
Responding to texts Comprehension and interpretation of spoken and printed texts in Tamil. Texts represent different text types and styles of writing. Questions for spoken and printed texts are either phrased in Tamil and English for responses in English or phrased in Tamil and English for responses in Tamil, depending on the requirements of the question. Typically, these tasks are administered under test conditions.	30%		

Teachers must use the assessment table to develop an assessment outline for the pair of units.

The assessment outline must:

- include a set of assessment tasks
- include a general description of each task
- indicate the unit content to be assessed
- indicate a weighting for each task and each assessment type
- include the approximate timing of each task (for example, the week the task is conducted or the issue and submission dates for an extended task).

Reporting

Schools report student achievement underpinned by a set of pre-determined standards, using the following grades:

Grade	Interpretation
A	Excellent achievement
B	High achievement
C	Satisfactory achievement
D	Limited achievement
E	Very low achievement

The grade descriptions for the Tamil: Second Language ATAR Year 12 syllabus are provided in Appendix 1. They are used to support the allocation of a grade. They can also be accessed on the course page of the Authority website (www.scsa.wa.edu.au).

To be assigned a grade, a student must have had the opportunity to complete the education program, including the assessment program (unless the school accepts that there are exceptional and justifiable circumstances).

Refer to the *WACE Manual* for further information about the use of a ranked list in the process of assigning grades.

The grade is determined by reference to the standard, not allocated on the basis of a pre-determined range of marks (cut-offs).

ATAR course examination

All students enrolled in the Tamil: Second Language ATAR Year 12 course are required to sit the ATAR course examination. The examination is based on a representative sampling of the content for Unit 3 and Unit 4. Details of the written ATAR course examination are prescribed in the examination design briefs on the following pages.

Refer to the *WACE Manual* for further information.

Practical (oral) examination design brief – Year 12

Time allocated Examination: 12–15 minutes

Provided by the candidate *Personalised practical examination timetable*

Section	Supporting information
<p>Speaking in Tamil</p> <p>100% of the practical examination</p> <p>Approximate duration: 12–15 minutes</p>	<p>The candidate is required to participate in a conversation with the marker. The focus of the conversation is on exploring aspects of the topics in Unit 3 and Unit 4 and the candidate’s linguistic ability in Tamil.</p> <p>The candidate begins by nominating two topics for the conversation. One of the topics is from Unit 3 and is related to the Personal or the Community perspectives. The other topic is from Unit 4 and is related to the Community or the Global perspectives.</p> <p>The marker asks questions in Tamil to encourage the candidate to speak in Tamil about the topics nominated. Questions from the marker provide the candidate with the opportunity to share information and express ideas and/or opinions on the topic.</p> <p>The marker then asks questions in Tamil to encourage the candidate to speak in Tamil about at least two topics, including one from Unit 3 and one from Unit 4. These topics exclude those nominated previously by the candidate.</p>

Written examination design brief – Year 12

Time allowed

Reading time before commencing work: ten minutes

Working time for paper: two and a half hours

Permissible items

Standard items: pens (blue/black preferred), pencils (including coloured), sharpener, correction fluid/tape, eraser, ruler, highlighters

Special items: monolingual and/or bilingual print dictionaries

Note: dictionaries must not contain any notes or other marks. No electronic dictionaries are allowed.

Section	Supporting information
<p>Section One</p> <p>Listening and responding</p> <p>30% of the written examination</p> <p>3–4 spoken texts in Tamil</p> <p>10–15 questions</p> <p>Suggested working time: 30 minutes</p>	<p>The spoken texts are drawn from a range of text types and styles of writing. One of the texts involves two speakers and is divided into parts.</p> <p>The spoken texts are read twice with a 30-second pause after the first reading, and a 90-second pause after the second reading, to allow time for the candidate to respond to questions. The text in parts is read once in its entirety and then repeated twice in its parts.</p> <p>The candidate can respond to the questions at any time once the playing of the recording commences.</p> <p>Questions are in formats such as tick the box, true/false, short answer, and/or retrieval chart. Questions are in English and require a response in English. All questions require responses based on the information in the texts.</p>
<p>Section Two</p> <p>Reading and responding</p> <p>30% of the written examination</p> <p>Part A: Reading and responding in English (15%)</p> <p>Three print texts in Tamil</p> <p>8–10 questions</p> <p>Suggested working time: 30 minutes</p> <p>Part B: Reading and responding in Tamil (15%)</p> <p>One print text in Tamil</p> <p>One question</p> <p>Suggested working time: 30 minutes</p>	<p>In Part A, the print texts are drawn from a range of text types and styles of writing. Texts are print or a combination of visual and print.</p> <p>Questions are in formats such as tick the box, short answer, and/or retrieval chart. Questions are in English and require a response in English.</p> <p>In Part B, the print text is drawn from a range of text types and styles of writing. The text is print or a combination of visual and print.</p> <p>The question is in Tamil and English, and the candidate responds in Tamil in approximately 100 words.</p> <p>All questions require responses based on the information in the texts.</p>

Section	Supporting information
<p>Section Three</p> <p>Writing in Tamil</p> <p>40% of the written examination</p> <p>Part A: Short response (15%)</p> <p>One compulsory question</p> <p>Suggested working time: 20 minutes</p> <p>Part B: Extended response (25%)</p> <p>One question from a choice of two</p> <p>Suggested working time: 40 minutes</p>	<p>Questions require the production of a specified text type and style of writing for a particular purpose and audience.</p> <p>In Part A, the question is in Tamil and English. The candidate responds in Tamil in approximately 100 words.</p> <p>In Part B, questions are in Tamil and English, and the candidate responds in Tamil in approximately 250 words.</p>

Appendix 1 – Grade descriptions Year 12

A	<p>Written production</p> <p>Responds with relevant and detailed information, ideas, opinions and/or comparisons when writing about a range of topics.</p> <p>Engages the audience effectively.</p> <p>Provides responses that use a range of vocabulary, grammatical items and complex sentence structures, with a few inaccuracies that do not affect meaning.</p> <p>Writes fluent, cohesive and well-structured texts that show clear development and connection of ideas.</p> <p>Applies all the conventions of text types.</p>
	<p>Oral production</p> <p>Communicates effectively across a range of topics.</p> <p>Comprehends most questions and responds with detailed relevant information, ideas and/or opinions.</p> <p>Uses communication techniques to engage the audience.</p> <p>Provides responses that are clear and cohesive.</p> <p>Uses a range of vocabulary, grammatical items and complex sentence structures, with a few inaccuracies that do not affect meaning.</p> <p>Speaks with accurate pronunciation.</p>
	<p>Comprehension</p> <p>Accurately extracts and processes information from a variety of texts across a range of topics.</p> <p>Provides details from the texts relevant to the questions.</p> <p>Provides accurate responses to literal questions and mostly accurate responses to inferential questions.</p> <p>Uses a dictionary effectively, resulting in appropriate interpretation of text.</p>

B

Written production

Responds with mostly relevant information, ideas, opinions and/or comparisons, including some detail, when writing about a range of topics.

Engages the audience.

Provides responses that use a range of vocabulary, grammatical items and sentence structures, with some inaccuracies that do not affect meaning.

Writes structured texts that show clear development of ideas.

Applies all the conventions of text types.

Oral production

Communicates effectively across a range of topics.

Comprehends most questions and responds in some detail with relevant information, ideas and/or opinions.

Uses some communication techniques to engage the audience.

Provides responses that are mostly clear and cohesive.

Uses a range of vocabulary, grammatical items and simple and complex sentence structures, with some inaccuracies that do not affect meaning.

Speaks with mostly accurate pronunciation.

Comprehension

Extracts and processes most information from a variety of texts across a range of topics.

Provides most details from the texts relevant to the questions.

Provides accurate responses to literal questions and some accurate responses to inferential questions.

Uses a dictionary mostly effectively.

C

Written production

Responds with mostly relevant information and simple ideas and/or opinions.

Includes some detail and examples when writing about a range of topics.

Provides responses that use well-rehearsed language, familiar vocabulary, grammatical items and sentence structures, with some inaccuracies that on occasion affect meaning.

Writes simple texts that show structure and some development of ideas.

Applies most of the conventions of text types.

Oral production

Provides some information and simple ideas and/or opinions.

Comprehends familiar questions; however, for complex questions, may require time to process, or rephrasing and support from the other speaker.

Provides responses that are reasonably clear, relying on well-rehearsed language.

Uses a range of vocabulary, grammatical items and simple and rehearsed complex sentence structures, with inaccuracies that at times affect meaning.

Makes errors in pronunciation that at times may result in the meaning not being clear.

Comprehension

Extracts and processes some information from a variety of texts.

Provides some relevant details.

Provides responses to literal questions that are mostly accurate, but responses to inferential questions are sometimes incorrect or incomplete.

Uses a dictionary with reasonable accuracy; however, at times selects the wrong word or phrase, resulting in an inappropriate translation or interpretation of text.

D	<p>Written production</p> <p>Responds with simple information, ideas and/or opinions when writing about a range of topics. Includes limited detail and/or irrelevant content.</p> <p>Provides responses that use simple language and short sentences.</p> <p>Produces writing that is frequently repetitive and disjointed, and where the basic rules of grammar are inaccurately applied.</p> <p>Writes simple texts that show some basic organisation of information or ideas.</p> <p>Applies the conventions of text types inconsistently.</p>
	<p>Oral production</p> <p>Provides some simple information, ideas and/or opinions, with silences due to lack of comprehension of questions and/or time required to construct responses.</p> <p>Requires frequent support from the other speaker to sustain conversation.</p> <p>Provides brief responses that are characterised by single words, short phrases and fragmented sentences or English.</p> <p>Uses a limited range of vocabulary, grammatical items and simple sentence structures, with frequent inaccuracies that often affect meaning.</p> <p>Makes errors in pronunciation that often result in the meaning not being clear.</p>
	<p>Comprehension</p> <p>Extracts insufficient and/or irrelevant information from texts.</p> <p>Provides responses that are frequently incomplete, unclear or irrelevant.</p> <p>Uses a dictionary with limited accuracy, frequently selecting the wrong word or phrase, resulting in an inappropriate translation or interpretation of text.</p>
E	<p>Does not meet the requirements of a D grade and/or has completed insufficient assessment tasks to be assigned a higher grade.</p>

Note: grade descriptions are to be refined using validated evidence from assessment samples and feedback from teachers.

Appendix 2 – Text types and styles of writing

These lists are provided to enable a common understanding of the text types and styles of writing for this syllabus.

Text types

Account

In both spoken and written form, accounts retell something that happened: a story. Accounts have a title and are often in the first person. They describe a series of events or experiences and are often presented in a logical manner. At the conclusion, there may be a resolution. Language is either formal or informal, with time words used to connect ideas and action words used to describe events.

Article

Articles consist of a section of text from a newspaper, magazine, web page or other publication. Typically, articles have a title that indicates the content. They are usually in a formal register, and the language in an article can be descriptive, factual, judgemental, emotive or persuasive, depending on the context. Articles develop ideas and opinions and often end with a statement of conclusion or advice to the reader. They may be accompanied by a graphic, if necessary. Articles can be reproduced directly, or can be modified to make the language more accessible for students.

Blog post

Web logs (blogs) are basically journals that are available on the internet. Many blogs provide commentary or news on a particular subject; others function more as personal online diaries. Typically, blogs combine text and images, and link to other blogs, web pages and other media related to their topic. Students will generally be required to write a response to a blog (a post). Posts can sometimes use a formal register but may also be in an informal or colloquial register. The language in a blog post can be descriptive, factual, judgemental, emotive or persuasive, depending on the context.

Conversation

In both spoken and written form, conversations often begin with an exchange of opening salutations, followed by a question or statement and then a two-way sustained interaction. The language is often authentic, informal and conversational in style, sometimes with interjections, incomplete sentences, and pauses and fillers. The register of conversations will often depend on the context and the relationship between participants.

Discussion

In both spoken or written form, discussions are used to present different ideas and opinions on a particular issue or topic. They often use a formal register but may also be informal. The language of discussions uses comparison and contrast words, linking words and language that indicates judgements and values.

Email

The language of email messages could be formal or informal, depending on the context. A message from one friend to another should be colloquial. A message that is business-related should use a more formal register. Although authentic emails often do not have either a salutation at the beginning, or a signature at the end, they should have both when writing for assessment in order to indicate more clearly the context of the message.

Interview

In both spoken and written form, interviews often begin with an exchange of opening salutations, followed by a question or statement and then a two-way sustained interaction. The language is often authentic, informal and conversational in style, sometimes with interjections, incomplete sentences, and pauses and fillers to maintain the conversation. The register of interviews will often depend on the context and the relationship between participants.

Journal entry

Journal entries record personal reflections, comments, information or the experiences of the writer. The language of journal entries should generally be informal and colloquial, and entries are often written in the first person. Entries use subjective language to give a clear sense of the writer's personality and to explain their feelings and emotions. The layout should appear authentic, provide a sense of time and sequence, and possibly include a place name.

Letter

Formal letters are written communication in formal contexts to convey/request information, lodge a complaint or express an opinion. The layout of a formal letter must include the date, the address of the sender and recipient, and a formal greeting and phrase of farewell. The language should be in a formal register, and deal with a business or other specific topic. Common features of a formal letter are the use of objective language, full sentences and paragraphs, frequent use of formulaic language and a logical and cohesive sequence of ideas.

Informal letters are written communication with acquaintances, friends and family, to inform or to amuse. The layout of an informal letter can be less stylised than a formal letter, possibly with only the date, the address of the sender, a casual greeting and a phrase of farewell. The language can be informal and colloquial and the content can be simple and casual. Common features of an informal letter are the use of subjective language, a less complex sentence structure than in formal letters, and a logical and cohesive sequence of ideas.

Message

In both spoken and written form, messages are objects of communication that inform, request, instruct or remind. The written forms are less formal than informal letters and are often used to convey information left on an answering machine, on a mobile phone or in a telephone call. They have a salutation and a signing off, but the content should be brief and to the point, and convey a specific piece of information with little extra detail.

Note

Notes are written to inform, request, instruct or remind. They are less formal than informal letters. Notes have a salutation and a signing off, but the content should be brief and to the point, and convey a specific piece of information with little extra detail.

Review

Reviews are evaluations of works such as films, songs, musical performances, novels or stories. The plot summary and description of the work or performance form the majority of the review. The language and structure are formal; however, more personal and evaluative comments are often included. A title should be given.

Script – speech, interview, dialogue

Scripts are written forms of speeches, interviews or dialogues that communicate and exchange ideas, information, opinions and experiences. Scripts would generally have only two speakers, possibly an interviewer and an interviewee, but each speaker must be clearly identified. A script often begins with an exchange of opening salutations, is followed by a question or statement and then a two-way sustained interaction. The language is often authentic, informal and conversational in style, sometimes with interjections, incomplete sentences, and pauses and fillers to maintain the conversation. The language level of scripts will often depend on the context and relationship between participants.

Styles of writing**Descriptive**

Descriptive writing engages the reader's attention as the writer paints a picture through words to make the reader see what they have seen. The writer uses precisely chosen vocabulary with evocative adjectives and adverbs, similes and metaphors to create a vivid impression of a person, place, object or event, a character or a particular mood or atmosphere. Descriptive writing evokes feelings and attitudes using connotative language. The writing is structured and ordered, using active verbs and varied sentences, at times with sensory descriptions to increase the reader's experience.

Informative

Informative writing conveys information as clearly, comprehensively and accurately as possible. The language should generally be formal and in an objective style with impersonal expressions used. Normally, no particular point of view is conveyed; rather, facts, examples, explanations, analogies and sometimes statistical information, quotations and references are provided as evidence. The language is clear and unambiguous, and information is structured and sequenced logically. The writing contains few adjectives, adverbs and images except as examples or analogies in explanation.

Personal

Personal (expressive) writing refers to various forms of writing used for recording, sharing or describing personal experiences, events or ideas. It establishes a relationship between the writer and the reader and creates a sense of the personality of the writer in the reader's mind. The writer attempts to unravel their feelings or ideas and emphasise ideas, opinions, feelings and impressions rather than factual, objective information. Personal writing is generally composed in the first and/or second person in a subjective, informal style and often includes emotive language.

Persuasive

Persuasive writing aims to convert the reader to a particular point of view or attitude in order to convince them to act or respond in a certain way. The writer attempts to manipulate the reader's emotions and opinions, giving logical reasons and supporting evidence to defend the position or recommend action. The language used may be extravagant, using exaggeration, superlatives, and humour to create a relationship between the writer and the reader.

Reflective

Reflective writing explores opinions or events for greater understanding and tries to convey something personal to the reader. Generally using a personal voice, it allows the writer to examine their own beliefs, values and attitudes. The language used is often emotive, as reflective writing involves personal responses to experiences, events, opinions and situations.

Appendix 3 – Elaborations of grammatical items

Elaborations are examples that accompany the grammatical items and sub-elements. They are intended to assist teachers to understand what is to be taught. They are not intended to be complete or comprehensive but are provided as support only.

Unit 3

Grammatical items	Sub-elements	Elaborations
Adjectives	qualitative	தமிழ் மொழி தொன்மையான மொழி ஆகும்.
	quantitative	தமிழ் மொழியை ஒன்பது கோடி மக்கள் பேசுகின்றார்கள்.
Adverbs	qualitative	மாமல்லபுரச் (Mamallapuram's) சிற்பங்கள் சிற்பக்கலைக்குச் சான்றாக விளங்குகின்றன.
	quantitative	தற்காலப் பாடல்களை கேட்பதற்கே அதிக விருப்பம்.
Conjunctions	case	நற்கருத்துக்களை கூறி மக்களை நலமுடன் வாழச் செய்கின்றன.
	connective	நூலக வலைத்தளங்களின் மூலம் பெற்றுக்கொள்ள முடியும்.
	complex	பொழுதுபோக்கிற்காக பல கலைகளை உருவாக்கினார்கள்.
Pronouns	personal	நாங்கள் காற்பந்து விளையாட்டை பார்க்கச் செல்வோம்.
	indefinite	பலர் பெரும் பங்காற்றியுள்ளனர்.
Sentences and phrases	simple	சிகிரியாவின் (Sigiriya's) ஓவியங்கள் வரலாற்றுச் சிறப்பு வாய்ந்தவை.
	compound	ஏறு தழுவுதல், கபடி போன்றவையும் பாரம்பரிய விளையாட்டுகள் ஆகும்.
	interactive (இரட்டைக்கிளவி)	நகைச்சுவைக் காட்சிகளைப் பார்த்து கலகலவெனச் சிரித்தேன்.
	proverbs	சித்திரமும் கைப்பழக்கம் செந்தமிழும் நாப்பழக்கம்.

Grammatical items	Sub-elements	Elaborations
Verbs	adjectival participle	இன்றும் வாழும் கவிஞராக பாரதியார் திகழ்கின்றார்.
	adverbial participle	பிரபலமான தமிழ்ப் படங்களை விரும்பிப் பார்ப்பேன்.
	past continuous	திரைப்படம் பார்த்துக் கொண்டிருந்தேன்.
	past perfect	வானொலியை இயக்கிய போது நிகழ்ச்சிகள் ஆரம்பித்திருந்தன.
	past tense	அனைத்துக் கலைகளிலும் புகழ்பெற்று விளங்கினர்.
	present tense	மக்கள் குடிபெயர்கிறார்கள்.
	future tense	தமிழ்மொழி உலகெங்கும் மென்மேலும் சிறப்படையும்.
	conditional	பாரம்பரிய உணவுகளை உண்டால் ஆரோக்கியமாக வாழ முடியும்.
Voice	passive	சிலப்பதிகாரம் இளங்கோவடிகளால் எழுதப்பட்டது.

Unit 4

Grammatical items	Sub-elements	Elaborations
Adjectives	qualitative	திறமையான இளைஞர்கள் வேலையின்றி இருக்கின்றார்கள்.
Adverbs	qualitative	பலமான ஒற்றுமை உருவாக முயற்சி செய்வேன்.
	time	காற்று விரைவாக மாசடையும்.
Conjunctions	case	கடினமாக உழைத்தால் வேலை வாய்ப்பினை பெற்றுக்கொள்ள முடியும்.
	connective	குடும்பத்தினர் மற்றும் நண்பர்களுடன் பொழுதைக் கழிப்பேன்.
Prepositions	time	கடந்த வருடங்களில் வறுமையால் பலர் மரணமடைந்தனர்.
Pronouns	personal	நாங்கள் மேற்படிப்பிற்காகச் சிட்னி (Sydney) செல்ல விரும்புகின்றோம்.
	possessive	எனது வீட்டில் பூந்தோட்டம் அமைக்க எண்ணியுள்ளேன்.
	indefinite	சுற்றுலாப் பயணிகள் பலர் வருகின்றார்கள்.
Sentences and phrases	simple	வலைப்பதிவை உருவாக்க விருப்பம்.
	compound	சமூக மற்றும் தேசிய நிகழ்ச்சிகளில் பங்களிக்க வேண்டும்.
	complex	தமிழ் மொழியை கற்பதால் வேலை வாய்ப்பினைப் பெறலாம்.
	composition (இணைமொழி)	வறட்சியின் காரணமாக புல்பூண்டு முளைப்பதில்லை.
	proverbs	அகத்தின் அழகு முகத்தில் தெரியும்.
Verbs	present tense	சில நாடுகளில் மக்கள் குப்பைகளை வீதிகளில் போடுகின்றார்கள்.
	present continuous	உணவின்மை மிகப்பெரிய பிரச்சினையாக இருந்து வருகின்றது.

Grammatical items	Sub-elements	Elaborations
	future tense	பல்வேறு சவால்களை எதிர்நோக்க வேண்டியிருக்கும்.
	conditional	தூயகாற்றை சுவாசிக்காமல் உயிரினங்கள் வாழ முடியாது.

Assumed learning

Before commencing the study of Unit 3 and Unit 4, it is assumed that students have, through prior experience or study, already acquired an understanding of the following Tamil grammatical items.

Grammatical items	Sub-elements	Elaborations
Adjectives	qualitative	பசுமையான, நல்ல, திறமையான
	quantitative	ஏராளமான, அனைத்து, அதிகமான
	demonstrative	அந்த, இந்த
	possessive	எனது, அதன், தனது
	comparative	அதைவிடச் சிறியது, அதனிலும் திறமானது, அவனைவிடக் கெட்டிக்காரன்
	superlative	அதுவே அழகானது, அதுதான் பெரியது
	interrogative	எந்த? யார்? எப்படி?
Adverbs	qualitative	அன்பாக, கடினமாக, நிச்சயமாக
	quantitative	நிறைய, ஓரளவு, ஏராளமாக
	locative	உயரத்தில், நடுவே, குறுக்கே
	time	தினமும், திடீரென, இன்றும்
Conjunctions	case: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • nominative • accusative • instrumental and associative • dative • ablative • genitive • locative • vocative 	பெயர்; சரண்யா நடித்தாள். ஐ; புத்தகத்தை எடுத்தேன். ஆல், ஆன்; என்னால் நன்றாகப் பாடமுடியும். ஓடு, ஓடு, உடன்; என்னுடன் வந்தான். கு; கடற்கரைக்குச் சென்றேன். இல், இன்; பாடசாலையின் கட்டிடம். மகிழுந்தில் சென்றோம். அது, உடைய; மாறனுடைய தம்பி. வேந்தனது கணினி. இடம்; ஆசிரியரிடம் பேசினேன். விளித்தல்; சாம்பவியா நடித்தாள்!

Grammatical items	Sub-elements	Elaborations
	connective	மேலும், இன்னும், அத்துடன்
	complex	எனவே, ஆகையால், ஏனென்றால்
Gender	masculine	நண்பன், மாணவன், மகன், மாமா
	feminine	நண்பி, மாணவி, மகள், அத்தை
	common	பாடகர், சாரதி, விமானி
	neuter singular	தேங்காய், தொடர்வண்டி, வீடு
	neuter plural	காய்கறிகள், வாகனங்கள், கட்டிடங்கள்
Joining words	without change	மாலை+நேரம்=மாலைநேரம்
	with change:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> appear disappear convert 	தொலை+காட்சி=தொலைக்காட்சி திருமணம்+விழா=திருமணவிழா கடல்+கரை=கடற்கரை
Nouns	noun group:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> common specific collective 	விழா, விளையாட்டு, மாநகரம் திருமண விழா, வலைப்பந்து, தேனி (Theni) குடும்பம், கழகம், அணி
	domain/class:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> rational irrational 	மாணவர், நடிகன், பாடகி ஆடை, கதிரை, நாட்காட்டி
Number	singular	புத்தகம், அவன், சிநேகிதர்
	plural	புத்தகங்கள், அவர்கள், சிநேகிதர்கள்
Place	first person	நான், நாங்கள், எனது
	second person	நீ, உன், உனது, உங்கள், நீங்கள்
	third person	அவன், அவை, அதிபர், மாமா
Prepositions	simple	ஊடாக, அதற்காக, மூலம்
	locative	வெளியே, நடுவே, அடுத்த
	time	அன்று, கடந்த, ஒருமுறை

Grammatical items	Sub-elements	Elaborations
Pronouns	personal	நான், நீங்கள், நாங்கள்
	proximate	இவள், இவர், இது
	remote	அது, அந்த, அவை
	possessive	அவனது, என்னை, உங்களை
	reflexive	நானே, அவளுக்கே, எங்களுக்கே
	definite	ஒருவர், ஒவ்வொரு, எல்லோரும்
	indefinite	சில, பலர், யாராவது
	distributive	இதில், அதில், இவர்களில்
	interrogative	எப்போது? எவ்வாறு? எத்தனை?
Quantifiers	ordinal	இரண்டாவது, ஏழாவது, முப்பதாவது
	cardinal	இருபது, இருநூறு, இரண்டாயிரம்
	time	ஒரு மணி பத்து நிமிடம் எட்டு வினாடி
	measurement	நிமிடம், சதுர மீட்டர், ரூபாய்
	time marker	மாலை, மாதம், இன்று
Sentences and phrases	simple	நான் காற்பந்து விளையாடுவேன்.
	compound	பயண மற்றும் சுற்றுலா விடுதி ஒழுங்குகளையும் செய்து தருவார்கள்.
	complex	இன்று வானிலை சீரற்று இருப்பதனால் பிரயாணம் செய்ய முடியாது.
	interactive (இரட்டைக்கிளவி)	சுறுசுறுப்பாக செய்து முடிப்பாள்.
	stacking (அடுக்குத்தொடர்)	கையை தட்டித்தட்டிப் பாடினார்கள்.
	composition (இணைமொழி)	அழிந்தொழிந்து போகாமல் பாதுகாக்கின்றனர்.
	simile (உவமைத்தொடர்)	காட்டுத்தீ போல பரவுகின்றது.
	idiom (மரபுத்தொடர்)	தனபாலன் பாடசாலைக்கு அறக்கப்பறக்க ஓடி வந்தான்
proverbs	ஒன்று பட்டால் உண்டு வாழ்வு	

Grammatical items	Sub-elements	Elaborations
Verbs	adjectival participle	சொல்கின்ற கதைகள் பயனுள்ளவை.
	adverbial participle	பண்பாட்டு உடை அணிந்து வந்தனர்.
	past tense	தமிழ்ப் புத்தகங்களை வாங்கினேன்.
	present tense	சிலர் சண்டையிடுகின்றார்கள்.
	future tense	பிரிஸ்பேனிற்குச் (to Brisbane) செல்லவுள்ளோம்.
Voice	active	ஆசிரியர் இனிமையாகப் பாடினார்.
	passive	ஆசிரியரால் இனிமையாகப் பாடப்பட்டது.
Words	synonym	உண்மை – சத்தியம், மெய், வாய்மை துன்பம் – இன்னல், வேதனை, கவலை, துயரம், இடர்
	antonym	புகழ்ச்சி – இகழ்ச்சி நன்மை – தீமை
	homonym	இரை – உணவு, சத்தமிடல் ஒளி – வெளிச்சம், மறைதல்
	new vocabulary	திறன்பேசி – smart phone மின்னஞ்சல் – email இணையம் – internet

Appendix 4 – Language learning and communication strategies

Language learning and communication strategies support and enhance the development of literacy skills and enable further development of cognitive skills through thinking critically and analytically, solving problems and making connections.

The following list is not intended to be complete or comprehensive but is provided as support only. Students should be taught these strategies explicitly and be provided with opportunities to practise them.

Purpose of strategy	Strategies
To support language learning and acquisition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • read, listen to and view texts in Tamil
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • connect with a native speaker of Tamil
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • learn vocabulary and set phrases in context
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • explain own understanding of a grammar rule or language pattern to someone else
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • use a monolingual or bilingual dictionary to locate and translate abbreviations, understand verb information and confirm meaning
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • make connections with prior learning
To make meaning from texts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • listen and determine essential information from key words
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • work out meaning of familiar and unfamiliar language by applying rules
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • make links between English and Tamil texts
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • analyse and evaluate information and ideas
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • scan texts, highlight key words and select appropriate information
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • recognise the attitude, purpose and intention of a text
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • use information in a text to draw conclusions
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • summarise text in own words or re-organise and re-present the information
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • reflect on cultural meanings, including register and tone

Purpose of strategy	Strategies
To produce texts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • read a question and determine the topic, audience, purpose, text type and style of writing
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • manipulate known elements in a new context to create meaning in written forms
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • structure an argument and express ideas and opinions
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • use synonyms for variety in the sentences, and conjunctions to link sentences
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • organise and maintain coherence of written text
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • evaluate and redraft written texts to enhance meaning
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • proofread text once written
To engage in spoken interaction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • make connections with first language and practise speaking in Tamil
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • use oral clues to predict and help with interpreting meaning
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ask for clarification and repetition to assist understanding
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • manipulate known elements in a new context to create meaning in spoken forms
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • structure an argument and express ideas and opinions
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • use cohesive devices, apply register and grammar, and use repair strategies to practise Tamil

