A LANGUAGE WITH HEART
'Learning Languages' is now a separate and vital 'Learning Area' in the New Zealand Curriculum. This development signals a mature and practical response to the concepts of internationalisation and globalisation from the Ministry of Education. Only people with English as their first language tend to remain monolingual, which turns a seeming advantage into a distinct disadvantage. Learning other languages helps people to have a better understanding of their mother tongue as well as opening their hearts and minds to other cultures, other ways of viewing the world and other ways of expressing themselves.

The New Zealand Curriculum is based on principles, values and key competencies. The learning area 'Learning Languages' embodies virtually all of these essential concepts and goals. A number of languages are taught in New Zealand, and support is available in varying degrees.

‘Learning another language takes you out of yourself; allows you to be another version of yourself. For me the range of support available for learning German has been the catalyst. My attitude to life, my experiences, my knowledge, my job, my opportunities, my circle of friends, my ways of thinking, my identity have been enhanced because I know German.’

Margaret Hardiman
Ministry of Education
The German language enjoys an unparalleled level of support. In addition to the regional facilitators and organisations like ILANZ (International Languages Aotearoa New Zealand), there is the Goethe-Institut which supports the teaching and learning of German in a variety of ways, from scholarships for teachers to go to Germany, internationally recognised examinations and teachers’ conferences, to resources, cultural events and promotional activities. The National German Advisor visits schools all over New Zealand and organises competitions and immersion events to supplement the great work done in schools. The German Embassy also takes a keen interest in both schools and universities, administering various scholarship programmes and contributing to specific cultural events.

Teachers of German have a wide range of PD opportunities in New Zealand and in Germany. School students, too, have many opportunities to get to a German speaking country on a short or longer exchange, or even on scholarship. The number of scholarship opportunities increases again at tertiary level with three different DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) awards. A new ‘Working Holiday’ scheme has made Germany an ideal place for O.E.

This supportive infrastructure combined with the quality of the teachers of German in New Zealand means that learners are set up to succeed. After 3 or 4 years, students find they are able to understand and make themselves understood in a wide range of situations. This successful second language learning experience will facilitate and accelerate the subsequent study of other languages as necessary.
Germany is the world’s third largest economy and number one in Europe.

Germany is one of the world’s leading export nations and number two in automobile production.

Germany is at the forefront of architectural, industrial and automotive design.

Germany is a world leader in sustainable energy production and use.

Germany is an important business partner of New Zealand with 59 German firms having a subsidiary in New Zealand.

New Zealand is a popular destination for German tourists.

‘German has been really useful for me in my role as General Manager for Porsche in New Zealand. The ability to communicate with our German colleagues in their native tongue has really opened a number of doors for me, and it really does surprise them when you answer them “auf Deutsch”. Being able to communicate in German has also provided me with the ability to stand out and be remembered, and in today’s society when you are always looking for an edge, this has been invaluable.’

Grant Smith
General Manager Porsche
‘Learning a language takes you into another world and thereby expands your own. Suddenly you have a larger literature to explore and another way of looking at the world.’

Lloyd Jones
Creative NZ Writer in Residence in Berlin, shortlisted for the Booker Prize, winner Commonwealth prize.

Germany is home to more than 3000 museums. Berlin alone has 167 museums and 400 private galleries. More than 100 million people visit Germany’s museums each year.

NZ $2.5 billion are spent on theatres, opera houses and orchestras in Germany each year.

60 theatre festivals are held in Germany every year.

About 300 international and German-language theatre premieres are staged each year.

Germany boasts 141 professional orchestras; the country’s leading ensembles are the Berlin and Munich Philharmonic orchestras, the Gewandhaus Orchestra in Leipzig and the Dresden Staatskapelle.

There are some 300 classical music festivals in Germany every year.

The German film industry plays an important role. The most important forum for film is the Berlin International Film Festival (the ‘Berlinale’), one of the major film festivals of the world.

The Bauhaus is probably the most influential school of design and architecture of the 20th century – founded in 1919, it revolutionized the world of architecture and design with its basic principle: Form follows function.
SCHOLARSHIPS FOR SCHOOL STUDENTS

PAD
The Pedagogical Exchange Service, a German organisation promoting international student exchange, offers up to three scholarships per year to outstanding high school students in NZ to take part in a four week language course and cultural programme for an international group in Germany.
german@ilanz.ac.nz

DEUTSCHOLYMPIAIDE
The ‘Deutscholympiade’ is an international competition for outstanding students of German from 30 countries. Three students and one teacher receive full financial support to represent NZ in Germany every year.
german@wellington.goethe.org

NZGSE
The New Zealand German Student Exchange offers scholarships for up to three students every year to live with a family and go to school in Germany for about 3 months in the NZ summer.
gsmith@porsche.co.nz

EXCHANGES
There are two 8 week reciprocal exchange programmes for NZ school students to spend their summer holidays in Germany. The German students come in March or July to NZ.

Waikato Exchange (Baden-Württemberg or Bayern)
Kristina.McGuiness-King@vuw.ac.nz

Rangi Ruru Exchange (Nordrhein-Westfalen)
mglaser-brown@tgc.school.nz

‘One of the best experiences of my life was made available to me by a choice I made when I was 13: the choice to learn German. Thanks to the incredible generosity of the PAD, I was able, along with another New Zealander, to spend a month travelling around Germany with students of German from 26 other countries.’

Elisabeth Perham
PAD scholarship winner
SCHOLARSHIPS FOR UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

DAAD
The German Academic Exchange Service has a range of scholarships on offer for undergraduate students of German and graduate students from all faculties.
daad@auckland.ac.nz

PAD TEACHING ASSISTANTS
The Pedagogical Exchange Service offers scholarships for recent NZ graduates to spend 9 months working in schools in Germany assisting teachers of English.
ku-10@well.auswaertiges-amt.de

WORKING HOLIDAY PROGRAMME
The Working Holiday Scheme is based on a bilateral agreement between the Federal Republic of Germany and New Zealand and aims to enable young citizens (aged between 18 and 30) from New Zealand to gain insight into the culture and daily life of Germany.
www.wellington.diplo.de

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR TEACHERS

GOETHE-INSTITUT SCHOLARSHIPS
Up to 6 teachers each year receive Goethe-Institut scholarships to Professional Development seminars in Germany. There are further scholarships available to 4 and 8 week intensive language courses at a Goethe-Institut in Germany.
german@wellington.goethe.org
German Teachers are also eligible for Ministry of Education immersion awards.
Prue.Elwood@afs.org

‘With the help of the German I learnt at the Goethe-Institut in New Zealand, I spent a year travelling in Germany. Working in a kindergarten in Stuttgart was a particular highlight – very different from my normal work as an engineer.’

Stephen Cobeldick
Engineer, working holiday visa
Germany is the third most popular destination for international students worldwide.

Many German universities offer international study courses in English.

Tuition fees are low. Currently not more than 500 Euro per semester.

Germany’s universities offer a first class service for international students to ensure that everybody can adjust quickly.

German universities offer over 4000 different bachelor and masters programmes. There is practically nothing you cannot train for in Germany.

Germany has produced more than 20 Nobel Prize laureates in the last couple of decades.

Learning from the best is the best thing you can do for yourself. German universities pride themselves on excellence in research and teaching.

The success of world class technology ‘Made in Germany’ shows how basic research and practical application go together.

Excellent achievements through worldwide networks prove that work done by Germany’s universities knows no geographical borders.

‘I’m studying in Germany because there are many interesting academic opportunities here which often escape the attention of non-German speakers. For instance, my masters course in Historical Urban Studies at the Technische Universität in Berlin is a very new and exciting field of study, and is something that I had never heard of being offered in New Zealand.’

Sam Burt
DAAD scholar
60,000 tourists come to New Zealand every year.

About 1000 Germans immigrate to NZ every year.

Of the 500 wineries in NZ, many have German connections.

Among hundreds of products popular in Germany that are also available in NZ are: ‘Nutella’, ‘Melitta’ coffee, ‘Nivea’ cosmetic items, ‘Lindt’ chocolate...

German cars like BMW, Porsche, Audi, Mercedes and Volkswagen are a common sight on NZ roads.

DHL, a subsidiary of Deutsche Post, delivers parcels and letters all over NZ.

The freight firms Hapag-Lloyd, Schenker, Hamburg Sud and Kuehne + Nagel all link NZ with Germany.

You can find German influenced bars and restaurants like ‘Café Munich’, ‘Bismarck’ and ‘Wunderbar’.

German beers are very popular in NZ: Beck’s, DAB, Warsteiner, Löwenbräu are available almost everywhere.

During the Christmas season you can find such specialities as ‘Stollen’ and many other sweet delicacies which give the festival a special ‘German’ flavour.

German films are shown regularly in NZ cinemas.
GERMANY HAS A GDP OF 2,446,78 BILLION EUROS.
BUT THERE ARE OTHER HARD FACTS:

- There are over 1500 types of sausages.
- There are more than 300 different types of bread and 1200 types of biscuits and pastries.
- Germany has about 1280 breweries offering more than 5000 different beer brands.
- Germany is the home of the world-famous garden gnome (‘Gartenzwerg’).
- Germany is the only country in the world that has no overall speed limit on the highways.
- It took more than 632 years (from 1248 to 1880) to build one of Germany’s most popular tourist attractions, the Cologne cathedral.
- Germany is a leader in garbage separation. More than 80% of paper and glass is recycled.
German is the most widely spoken mother tongue in Europe.

- Germany is situated in the heart of Europe with easy and fast access to any European country.
- Germany has the largest railway network and motorway system in Europe.
- Germany has the largest economy in Europe.
- Germany is the most populous country in the European Union.
- Germany is Europe’s most popular investment location.
- Germany is a key member of the continent’s economic, political and defence organisations.
- Germany, as Europe’s number one in terms of patent registrations, is a highly innovative country.
- Germany is a major political power in Europe and a member of the G8.
GERMAN BACKS YOU UP
GERMAN HAS STRONG PARTNERS IN NZ

GERMAN IS TAUGHT IN SCHOOLS FROM KAITAIA TO INVERCARGILL

THE GOETHE-INSTITUT has 135 branches worldwide and supports the teaching and learning of German, as well as promoting cultural exchange.

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GERMAN EMBASSY

REPRESENTATIVES OF GANZ (GERMAN IN AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND) IN ALL 6 UNIVERSITY CENTRES.
(Also regional facilitators)

THE NATIONAL ADVISOR FOR GERMAN is employed by the Goethe-Institut and ILANZ (International Languages Aotearoa New Zealand), and visits schools all over New Zealand supporting teachers of German.

www.german.ac.nz
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GANZ German in Aotearoa New Zealand is the German Teachers’ Association and has representatives at school and tertiary level in 6 centres.

jr@columbacollege.school.nz

THE GERMAN EMBASSY has a cultural department which coordinates German foreign cultural and educational policy in NZ

www.wellington.diplo.de

DAAD The German Academic Exchange Service offers a range of scholarships to university graduates and undergraduates and has a ‘Lektorat’ at the University of Auckland.

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Regional Facilitators are based in Whangarei, Auckland, Hamilton, Palmerston North, Wellington, Christchurch and Dunedin to support schools and teachers with all language programmes.

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