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# INTEGRATED LEARNING WITH CLIL

The Goethe-Institut supports schools to integrate German into other curriculum areas such as Science, Technology, Coding and Environmental Studies.

# **CLIL = Content and Language Integrated Learning**

CLIL refers to a successfully established educational approach in which language and subject content are learnt together.

CLIL suits starting a new language program or reinforcing an existing one. It is advantageous as it addresses the 'crowded curriculum' issue and extends the time allocation for language learning. In Australia, many schools have introduced CLIL programs to promote multilingualism and intercultural understanding – key skills in an increasingly interconnected world.

CLIL sets up the perfect environment for language learning and has been proven to:

- increase learners' motivation and engagement
- + enhance cognitive development
- help learners improve in the additional language and in English
- + strengthen creativity and innovation in school
- strengthen intercultural understanding

Research has shown that students in CLIL classes perform at least as well in the subject as their co-students in monolingual programs.

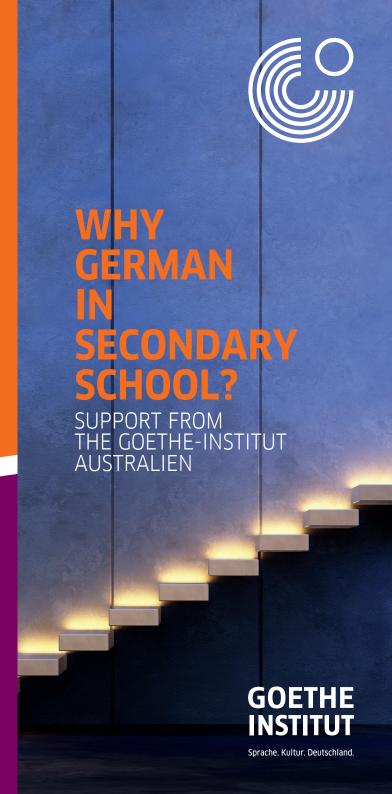
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### **CLIL TEACHING RESOURCES**

The Goethe-Institut Australien provides teaching materials for learners in primary through to secondary school:

- + German and STEM
- + German and Sustainability
- ♣ German and Cross-curriculum priorities

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### **KEY REASONS WHY GERMAN IS AN EXCELLENT CHOICE**

With the teaching of languages now recommended in all schools across Australia by the Australian Curriculum, this is a time for new opportunities and new approaches to learning and teaching of German.

According to the Australian Curriculum: Languages, schools are encouraged to enable all students to engage in learning a language in addition to English. The core focus of the Goethe-Institut is to support school principals, teachers and learners of German to achieve their aims.

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- Learning a language enhances the broader educational values of raising cultural and social awareness, and of challenging stereotypes.
- Learning a language develops awareness of the similarities and differences with English. Research shows that this improves literacy outcomes for all learners. English and German have words in common as they both are Germanic languages with a similar linguistic heritage which means that it is easy for students to recognise and remember many words.
- There are many innovative, fun and interactive materials for teachers and learners of German. The Goethe-Institut is the front runner in the provision of free or low cost materials, and in their support of teachers and learners.
- Germany is one of the prominent forces in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) areas and is one of the major contributors to research and development in these industries. The Goethe-Institut has a strong focus on linking German with STEM subjects, and offers teachers and students of German a wide range of STEM materials and projects.
- ♣ When it comes to future career paths, there is a great benefit for Australian students who speak German. Germany remains the largest economy in Europe, the 4<sup>th</sup> largest in the world and the world's third-largest exporter. Knowledge of German can increase job opportunities and positively impacts relations with German business partners.
- **+** Germany is one of the most attractive locations for international students worldwide. More than twelve percent of students at German universities come from abroad and benefit from the opportunity of free or low-cost courses. German university degrees are highly respected by employers worldwide.

### **OUR TWO MOST POPULAR TEACHING PROGRAMS**

### UNTERNEHMEN **DEUTSCH: ENTERPRISE GERMAN**

This inspiring project combines aspects of professional orientation with creativity and inventor spirit while promoting the collaboration between schools and German companies and Australian companies with strong ties to German speaking countries.

The accompanying three-module teaching materials are available online.

# THE PROFESSIONAL ORIENTATION PROJECT

**TEACHING MODULE 1:** THE ECONOMIC AREA

**TEACHING MODULE 2:** THE PARTNER COMPANY

**TEACHING MODULE 3:** THE BUSINESS IDEA



## **SPEAK GERMAN** + STUDY **SCIENCE**

Secondary school students step into scientists' shoes and do research with German speaking scientists. They discover firsthand the real world applications of research and find out how bilingualism opens up new professional

