



HSC ITALIAN BEGINNERS (2 Units)

Subject Overview

Number of units: 2 Units	NESA Developed: Yes
ATAR: Yes	Major Work: No
HSC Exam: Yes (Written & Oral)	Length of HSC Written Exam: 2.5 hrs

What will I be doing in the course?

Overview: This course is for students who have no prior learning in Italian or have less than 100 hours of learning, subject to eligibility criteria. Students who study this course must not have completed the Year 9/10 Italian elective. In the Preliminary and HSC courses, students will develop the linguistic and intercultural knowledge and understanding, and the speaking, listening, reading and writing skills to communicate in Italian. Topics studied through two interdependent perspectives, the personal world and the Italian-speaking communities, provide contexts in which students develop their communication skills in Italian and their knowledge and understanding of language and culture.

In the Preliminary and HSC Courses you will study:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">Family life, home and neighbourhoodPeople, places and communitiesEducation and work	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Friends, recreation and pastimesHolidays, travel and tourismFuture plans and aspirations
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How is this subject assessed by the External Provider?

In the Preliminary Course, your assessments will typically include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">conversation tasks in Italian with the teacherreading short texts in Italian and responding to questions in English about the textslistening to simple texts in Italian and responding to questions in Englishwriting short to mid-length texts in Italian	In the HSC Course, your assessments will typically include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">more in-depth conversations in Italian with the teacherreading short to mid-length texts in Italian and responding to questions in English about the textslistening to more complex texts in Italian and responding to questions in Englishwriting texts of varying length in Italian
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Please note: This subject is assessed as any other at the home school. NESA requirements apply to this course.

What does the HSC Exam look like for this subject?

The HSC exam for this subject involves:

- a 5 minute conversation with an examiner in Term 3 of the HSC year
- a written paper consisting of three parts:
 - listening to about 9 texts in Italian and responding in English
 - reading between 6 and 9 texts of varying length in Italian and responding in English
 - writing varied length responses in Italian to questions phrased in English and Italian.

What have past students found challenging?

You might love this subject if...

<ul style="list-style-type: none">It is a compressed acceleration course and moves quickly through topicsItalian grammar can sometimes be challenging but worthwhile with daily practice.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">You enjoy fast-paced learning and language learning. You are up for a mental and cultural challengeYou have a desire to learn more about language and its functionsYou enjoy learning more about other cultures and the world, becoming a global citizenYou are interested in Italian culture, fashion, music, art, history, etc
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