What is LOTE Italian all about?
The study of Italian develops students’ ability to understand and use a language which is one of the official languages of the European Union and the second most widely spoken language in Australia. It also provides students with a direct means of access to the rich and varied culture of the many communities around the world for whom Italian is a major means of communication.

Areas of Study:
The areas of study for Italian comprise themes and topics, text types, kinds of writing, vocabulary and grammar. They are common to all four units of study, and they are designed to be drawn upon in an integrated way, as appropriate to the linguistic needs of the student, and the outcomes for the unit. The topics studied for each unit are listed below.

Unit 1:
• Travel to Italy
• Historical monuments in Italy
• Family and friends

Unit 2:
• Family and Friends
• Life at school in Italy
• Women and work
• Italians and coffee

Unit 3:
• The family and relationships
• Health, leisure holidays
• The changing roles of men and women
• The World of Work – workers’ rights

Unit 4:
• A detailed study of a selected theme, e.g. Immigration, Neorealism, Venice
• Exam revision and preparation

Type of Assessments in this subject:
• Letters, diary entries, conversation scripts, essays, short stories
• Listening Activities
• Reading activities
• Informal conversations, role plays
• Examination

Key Skills developed through this area are:
• Communicating in a LOTE
• Boosts memory, confidence, multitasking
• Improved reading and listening skills
• Stronger understanding and tolerance of another culture

Possible Occupations that could relate to this study include:
Journalist   Diplomat   Hospitality Worker   Immigration Officer   Social Worker
Interpreter   Nurse   Travel Consultant   Customs Officer   Office Administrator
Teacher   Allied Health

Additional Information:
Italian Units 1 and 2 are designed to prepare students for Italian Units 3 and 4 and is aimed at students who have coped well with Year 10 Italian at a mainstream level.