



Association of German
Teachers of Victoria Inc.

Value Adding with High ATAR Scaling for VCE German

No matter which pathway you choose, you can improve your Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) by choosing Year 12 German. Not all subjects are scaled up, many are scaled down when calculating the ATAR.

In 2010, a VCE German raw score of **20 became a 28** for your ATAR. Add value to your VCE course.

25 ↗ 34

30 ↗ 40

35 ↗ 45

40 ↗ 49

45 ↗ 51

50 ↗ 53

Compare with a Chemistry raw score of 20 which became 23, a Physics raw score of 20 became 21, and an English 20 was scaled down to 17.

Source: Reports, Tables & Papers from VTAC website: <http://www.vtac.edu.au/>

International experience with German is a real option as all universities in Australia have partner relationship in German-speaking countries, even those where German is not offered at a tertiary level. **DAAD scholarships** are given across disciplines to students to study in Germany, funded by the German federal government.

Employees with **intercultural language skills** are highly regarded and needed by employers hoping to compete in a local and global plurilingual community and transnational marketplace. There are 135 branches of German companies in Victoria alone, and Germany is the fifth largest economy in the world.

Make your CV stand out from the others by being able to list a language like German as one of your VCE subjects. All employers respect skills in languages. It demonstrates your willingness to accept a challenge.

Bonus Reasons to Learn German

Savings in your Hip Pocket: Why not take advantage of learning German while at school and save yourself some money for courses afterwards. It is never too late to start learning another language.

Language learning is a natural human instinct. Follow your instincts – choose German!

Proficiency in Language Learning: German's close relation to English means there are many similarities. You can make greater progress in a shorter period of time than with some other languages if you commit to learning the language. With higher levels of proficiency you learn more about how to learn languages, a skill you can transfer to learning any other language you may need to learn in your future life.

The future is unpredictable, so prepare for the unknown – choose German!

Brain Food: People who have learned other languages show greater cognitive development in mental flexibility, creativity, and higher order thinking skills, such as problem-solving, conceptualizing, and reasoning. Persisting with learning another language is worth the effort!

Get smarter, learn German for longer!

Global Citizen: Through learning another language you develop intercultural skills for dealing respectfully with people from different cultural groups, as well as your ability to deal with being in unfamiliar situations. These life skills are extremely important in our fast-changing world.

Learn locally now to act globally tomorrow!

Be cool - speak Deutsch!

Deutsch für die Zukunft – Learn German for the Future