

DSD - German Language Diploma

Great News! Good Shepherd Lutheran College is now officially accredited as a school offering German Language Diploma I.

What is the German Language Diploma?

Good Shepherd students can study for the German Language Diploma I of the German Federal Government and the Federal States.

DSD I and DSD II examinations are held in over 65 countries, with about 75,000 participants every year worldwide. The DSD offers an official certificate with centralised exams and aligned with school-leaving certificates in Germany. DSD I is the preliminary stage to the DSD II, which follows in the upper level and serves as proof of language proficiency for admission to German universities.

Students are prepared for the exam at their school where they also sit the exam.

The exam consists of four parts:

- a written essay
- reading comprehension
- listening comprehension
- oral communication

Good Shepherd is one of seven schools in Australia offering the DSD exams, which are based on the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (Gemeinsamer Europäischer Referenzrahmen für Sprachen):

Level A2: basic use of the language; offers advantages for job applications.

Level B1 (DSD I): independent use of the language; language proficiency certificate permits to enter a "Studienkolleg" in preparation for attending a university in Germany.

Level B2/C1 (DSD II): competent use of the language; language proficiency certificate counts as language qualification for university studies in Germany.

Our DSD program enhances students' learning experience and allows them to live up to their full potential in secondary school education. It also gives them an edge in today's highly competitive international job market. Employers in Australia and abroad acknowledge the DSD as proof of the holder's excellent knowledge of German.

We are looking forward to our first examination round in August 2022 and being accredited for DSD II in 2023.