I wanted to travel to the country
I met a student from Asia and I wanted to communicate with them in their language
My parent(s) forced me to do it
Asian languages are exotic and interesting
I wanted to learn Asian languages with my friends
Asian languages fit in with my future aspirations
I had a pen friend in an Asian country
I really like aspects of modern Asian culture such as music and fashion
I am interested in Asian history
I am interested in Asian martial arts
The pathway options were well explained
I expected to study it at university
Asian languages are an employability enhancer
Australia’s future is in Asia
It was a new opportunity in College I had to try
My peers’ choice not to learn Asian languages was influenced by the following factors (Please tick all factors that you think affected them. This is a multiple answer question.)

- Asian languages are too difficult
- It is too hard to pronounce the strange words
- The Japanese and Chinese characters are too difficult
- The grammar is too different to English and hard to understand
- Memorizing vocabulary is too difficult and is boring
- There is too much emphasis on reading and writing
- It is difficult to see yourself making progress
- Asia is too far away and irrelevant to daily life in Tasmania
- Asian food and customs are too weird
- Other subjects are more fun and interesting
- They wanted to be in other subjects with their friends
- It was easier to relate to European languages
- They didn’t expect to study languages at University
- It is too difficult to get good TE points doing languages
- They thought Asian people should learn English

Choice Factors - Family

Family influences (Please tick all factors that relate to you. This is a multiple answer question.)

- Other members of my family have studied an Asian language
- Other members of my family have travelled to Asia
- My parents are encouraging and supportive of Asian language learning
- One or both parents speak another language
- My parents see it as a valuable job asset
- My parents want me to experience life beyond Tasmania and Australia
- My parents don’t care what subjects I choose
- I come from an Asian background
- My parents or grandparents are from a non-English speaking background

Asian Language Perceptions

Asian languages are valued by my peers

Strongly Disagree Disagree Neither Agree nor Disagree Agree Strongly Agree

Asian languages learning attracts girls more than boys

Strongly Disagree Disagree Neither Agree nor Disagree Agree Strongly Agree
Asian languages are irrelevant to getting a job in Australia

Strongly Disagree  Disagree  Neither Agree nor Disagree  Agree  Strongly Agree

Asian languages are too hard to do well in

Strongly Disagree  Disagree  Neither Agree nor Disagree  Agree  Strongly Agree

Asian language learning is only for the very best students

Strongly Disagree  Disagree  Neither Agree nor Disagree  Agree  Strongly Agree

Asian languages would be more relevant if they were compulsory until Year 10

Strongly Disagree  Disagree  Neither Agree nor Disagree  Agree  Strongly Agree

Future opportunities

I know that I can start or continue Asian languages at university or adult education

Strongly Disagree  Disagree  Neither Agree nor Disagree  Agree  Strongly Agree

I know that I can concurrently study languages with university subjects that do not have electives

Strongly Disagree  Disagree  Neither Agree nor Disagree  Agree  Strongly Agree

I would like to know more about language pathway options

Strongly Disagree  Disagree  Neither Agree nor Disagree  Agree  Strongly Agree

Additional comments

Do you have any additional points about...

○ Your decision to learn/not learn Asian languages
The impact of not having Asian language learning in your school

Asian language teaching in general