

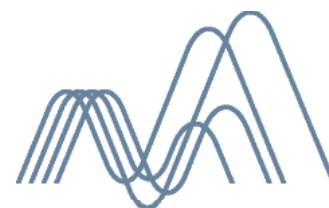
## OVERVIEW OF IB CONTINUUM LANGUAGE PATHWAYS AT MULGRAVE

IB PYP		IB MYP			IB DP / ENRICHED PATHWAYS
PK	Kindergarten-Grade 5	Grades 6-8	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grades 11-12
All EY students are exposed to Mandarin A/B	Mandarin A				Mandarin Language & Literature SL or HL*
	Mandarin B		Mandarin B "Extended"		Mandarin Language & Literature SL* or Mandarin B HL/SL <sup>1</sup>
			Mandarin B		Mandarin B SL
	French B			French B "Extended"	French B HL/SL <sup>1</sup>
				French B	French B SL
<i>Additional language options for Senior School students:</i>					
<b>Spanish OR Mandarin</b> is offered at a beginner level in Grade 10. Students new to Mulgrave, as well as students who have previously studied another language, may choose Spanish OR Mandarin in Grade 10 or 11.				Intro to Spanish OR Mandarin	Spanish or Mandarin* Ab Initio SL Intro course is not a prerequisite
<b>School Supported Self-Taught Literature:</b> Students may study SSST Literature instead of or in addition to DP Mandarin, French, or Spanish.  SSST Literature is intended for fluent ("mother tongue") speakers of any language other than English or Mandarin who have the requisite skills to read and analyze literature in the target language.					School Supported Self-Taught Literature SL**
<b>Online Learning:</b> Students wishing to study a DP language course not offered at Mulgrave (or students with unresolvable timetable conflicts) may opt to study a language online via Pamoja or a school-based blended learning option, with approval from the DP Coordinator.					French, Mandarin, or Spanish Ab Initio SL / Spanish B SL / Chinese Language & Literature SL.

\* Mandarin Ab Initio available in Fall 2025

\*\*Diploma candidates can earn the IB Bilingual Diploma by achieving final DP grades of at least 3 in one of these courses AND an English, I&S, or Science subject.

<sup>1</sup> Students in G10 Extended classes will generally move into Chinese/French B HL in Grade 11, but may choose Mandarin/French B SL with departmental permission



## GLOSSARY OF TERMS

- **Standard Level (SL)** and **Higher Level (HL)**:

DP students choose to take each subject at either Standard or Higher Level. HL classes meet more often, have more advanced learning outcomes, and are assessed more rigorously than SL courses. To earn the IB Diploma, students must study 3 of their 6 subjects at HL.

- **Language A** is for **fluent speakers** of the target language.

- At Mulgrave, Language A is offered in English (mandatory) and Mandarin Chinese (optional) throughout the PYP, MYP, and DP continuum.
- At the DP level, Mulgrave offers Language A courses in English (English Literature SL/HL and English Language & Literature SL/HL ) and Mandarin (Mandarin Language & Literature SL/HL), and supports fluent users of other languages who wish to pursue School Supported Self-Taught Literature SL.

- **Language B** refers to **language acquisition** courses in the PYP, MYP, and DP.

- **MYP Language B** students progress through sequential “Phases” from Phase 1 (beginner level) to 6 (near-fluency). Successful completion of Phase 3 in Grade 10 indicates readiness for **DP Language B SL**. [NB: Phases 4, 5 and 6 correspond roughly to Levels B2, C1 and C2 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages.]  
Students joining Mulgrave from a non-MYP school are expected to have the equivalent of
- 3-5 years of previous study in order to access DP Language B. For students with limited prior exposure to the target language, a DP Language *Ab Initio* (“from the beginning”) course is more appropriate.

- **Language B “Extended”** is designed to prepare students for success in DP Language B at Higher Level (HL). Placement is by teacher recommendation and is based on prior achievement, as well as evidence of interest and motivation. Students completing Language B “Extended” are encouraged, but not obligated, to enroll in Language B HL in Grade 11.

- **Language *Ab Initio*** refers to beginner-level **language acquisition** courses in the DP only. *Ab initio* courses are only offered at Standard Level (SL).