"If you talk to a man in a language he understands, that goes to his head. If you talk to him in his own language, that goes to his heart."

Nelson Mandela

"One language sets you in a corridor for life. Two languages open every door along the way."

Frank Smith

7.5 billion people

7099 languages

Opportunities in a globalised world:
- Greater employment and study opportunities worldwide
- Trade is essential to New Zealand's economic prosperity
- 84% of Kiwis think it is important to develop ties with Asian nations
- The EU is NZ's most significant science and innovation relationship
- Latin America is a key partner for NZ trade, especially for agricultural cooperations

BRAIN POWER!
- Boosts skills in other learning areas like Maths and English
- Improves decision-making
- Sharpens cognitive skills
- Improves attention
- Increases memory
- Mental health benefits
- Your brain actually gets bigger!

Personal growth:
- Equips students for living in a world of diversity
- Promotes open-mindedness and tolerance
- Raises cultural sensitivity
- Builds up self-confidence
- Increases understanding of own language and culture
- Broadens horizons
- Makes travelling easier and intensifies travel experiences

Students learning a foreign language:
EU = 90%
NZ = 27%

(2012/2013. Study hours not specified.)

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