

TERM 1 2017

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL – LIA TEDESCO

It gives me great pleasure to welcome all members of the school community to the 2017 school year. I particularly wish to welcome students and parents who have joined the school for the first time.

We have commenced the year with very strong enrolment numbers: more than 1900 students at this point in time; and still enrolling! Our new programs include Arabana and Auslan. Both of these courses are available for adult students.

We would like to congratulate our year 12 students who studied either a SACE or an International Baccalaureate language course last year.

309 students in total completed a SACE Stage 2 language with us; and of those:

- 37% achieved an A
- 44% achieved a B.

The following 7 students deserve a special mention for receiving an A+ with merit, and were presented with Merit Certificates at Government House on Tuesday 7th February:

- Sakura Tatewaki: Japanese Continuers
- Baiyu (Amber) Chen: Japanese Beginners
- Lyna Yue: Chinese Continuers
- Emilka Rustecka: Polish Continuers
- Harula Mollas: Spanish Beginners
- Larisa Forgac: Serbian Continuers
- Samantha Nhu Quynh Tran: Vietnamese Continuers

Last year there were also 41 year 12 students who studied an IB language course with us. 14 of them achieved a perfect score of 7 (34%); and another 14 achieved a near perfect score of 6. We would like to congratulate the following students who achieved a perfect score of 7, and whose achievements were acknowledged at a ceremony at the Adelaide Town Hall on Monday 6th February:

- Ke-Xuen (Ashley) Liew: Chinese AB Initio
- Sorrel Franziska Salb: German B HL
- Leonard Steiner: German B HL
- Virag Kiss: German B SL

- Rachel Tan: Indonesian B SL
- Priyyanca Ragunath: Indonesian AB Initio
- Jiayi Li: Japanese B SL
- Sophie Caon: Spanish AB Initio
- Elise Elmendorp: Spanish AB Initio
- Anha Jhure Malani: Spanish AB Initio
- Abby Claire Mather: Spanish AB Initio
- Madeleine Perrett: Spanish AB Initio
- Nicholas Teale: Spanish AB Initio
- Adelaide Isabelle Xerri: Spanish AB Initio

BUSHFIRE SEASON

As the hot weather approaches, the risk of bushfires increases. For students who travel through a bushfire prone zone to attend School of Languages classes, or students who attend classes in teaching centres in bushfire prone zones, please refer to our Bushfire Policy (on our school website), to familiarise yourselves with our procedures.

ENROLMENTS

Confirmation letters have been sent to all students who have enrolled with us, together with our school Information booklets. If you have not yet received the package, please contact the school and we will mail one out to you. Please note that invoices for payment of the school subject charges will be sent at the end of term, together with Term 1 reports.

STUDY TOUR TO KOREA

Following the success of the 2016 School of Languages Spanish Study Tour, the inaugural School of Languages Korean Study Tour took place over three weeks from the 31/12/16 to the 21/01/17. Students spent 2 weeks in Seoul studying an intensive Korean Language and culture course at Lexis Korea (Korean Language School in Gangnam) and another 7 days with our sister school, Gimhae Foreign Language High School, in Gimhae. In Seoul, our students engaged in intensive language classes from 9am – 12:15pm every day and Korean cultural experiences from 1:15 – 3:30 every afternoon. In the afternoons our students took tours of the Namdaemun Market district, Samsung D'light, the

fashionable Seoul suburbs of Gangnam, Myeongdong, Hongdae and Insadong, saw Korean theatre performances including traditional drumming and martial arts demonstrations and much more. On the weekend the students took a guided tour of the DMZ (South-North Korean border area) during which the heavy military presence was lightened by the first snowfall for the year and the ensuing snowball fight. In Gimhae students were billeted into homestay families with our sister-school families for 4 days and then stayed in our sister school's dormitory for the remaining three nights. During this time they also visited the ancient Shilla capital of Gyeongju and the port city of Tongyeong. A great time was had by all and we have been invited back by our sister school again in January 2018. We very much look forward to making that happen.



GANGNAM



SEOUL



TONGYEONG

2017 STUDY TOURS

A group of 10 students, 1 parent and 2 teachers will be heading off to Italy on 7th April for 3 weeks, for our first ever study tour to Italy. They will study in Verona, and also visit Venice, Florence, Assisi and Rome.

Another group of 11 students and 2 teachers will depart at the same time for our second study tour to Spain, studying in Salamanca and Granada, and visiting Seville and Madrid.

Our third group, of 13 students and 3 teachers will visit New Caledonia for 2 weeks during the April holidays.

We wish all participants a safe and enjoyable trip, and we look forward to hearing about their travels upon their return!

LANGUAGES AT UNIVERSITY

To find out where to study Languages at university level, and the range of Languages that each university around Australia offers, visit: <http://www.ulpa.edu.au/>

TERM 1 CLASS CANCELLATIONS

Please note the following class cancellations:

- **Monday 13th March** – Public holiday

TERM 1 CLASS RELOCATIONS

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27 LANGUAGES OFFERED IN 2017

This year the school is offering after hours classes in:

Afrikaans*	Khmer*
Arabana	Kirundi
Arabic	Korean*
Auslan*	Nepali
Bosnian	Persian
Chinese*	Pitjantjatjara
Croatian	Polish*
Dinka	Portuguese
French*	Punjabi
German	Serbian
Hindi*	Spanish*
Indonesian*	Swahili
Italian*	Vietnamese*
Japanese*	

*The Languages marked with an asterisk are available at primary and secondary levels.

Classes are held in 21 different school locations:

- Adelaide High School
- Alberton Primary School
- Belair Primary School
- Burnside Primary School
- Colonel Light Gardens Primary School
- Glenunga International High School
- Our Lady of the Sacred Heart College
- Paralowie School
- Playford International College
- Prospect Primary School
- Roma Mitchell Secondary College
- Salisbury East High School
- School of Languages
- St John Bosco School
- Thiele Primary School
- Thomas More College
- Torrens Valley Christian School
- Walkerville Primary School
- Westminster School
- William Light R-12 School
- Woodside Primary School

A copy of the school timetable can be obtained by contacting the school office on 8301 4800, or on our website at www.schooloflanguages.sa.edu.au

SCHOOL COUNCIL

In 2017, the Annual General Meeting of the School Council will be held on **Tuesday 21st March, at 7pm**, at the School of Languages at 255 Torrens Rd, West Croydon. Our guest speaker will be Professor John West-Sooby, from the Department of French Studies at the University of Adelaide. He will be talking about the changing landscape of Languages education in the tertiary sector. All parents and students are welcome.

Parent representatives are appointed for a two year period; and student and staff representatives are appointed for a one year period. We will have a parent vacancy in 2017, and you are invited to attend the AGM and consider nominating, to support the school through this important committee. For further information do not hesitate to contact the Principal.

LESSONS AND HOMEWORK

At the beginning of the year all students are provided with an outline of the year's work. Each lesson they also receive a weekly lesson plan, which contains information on the lesson content, homework to be completed between lessons and assessment/s due the following week. Please use this information to monitor progress and do not hesitate to contact the school with any queries.

Students are strongly advised to spread their homework over two to three sessions during the week, rather than doing a week's worth of homework all at once. Frequent and regular practice is the key to successful language learning. It is expected that students will spend the following times on Homework each week:

- Years R - 2: up to 30 minutes
- years 3 – 7: 30 – 60 minutes
- years 8-10: 1.5 – 2.5 hours
- years 11 - 12: 3 - 4 hours.

VOLUNTEERS

The Department for Education and Child Development has updated its application process and application form for individuals who wish to be Volunteers. This information is available on our school website.

Parents and caregivers who volunteer to directly support their child still do not require a relevant history screening.

As has always been the case, a child related employment screening is not needed to attend single events or activities at our school.

Screenings are just one measure used to help keep children safe. Everyone who works with children plays a part in child protection, including watching out for inappropriate behaviour.

Therefore, Volunteers still need to undertake Reporting Abuse and Neglect training. A free training session will be conducted at the school on Friday 10 March, 1-3pm. Please contact the school to register your attendance.

Find out more about child related employment screening and keeping children safe at www.decd.sa.gov.au.

If you have any questions about being a volunteer, screening or these changes, please contact Anne Reuter, Assistant Principal: Student and Staff Services.

Leadership Team:

Principal: Lia Tedesco
 Acting Principal: Adriana Basic
 Assistant Principals:
 Teaching and Learning: Adriana Basic
 Student and Staff Services: Anne Reuter
 Coordinators: Ben Anderson
 Andrea Corston
 Sonia Mattiazzo
 Halina Pietrzak
 Shontelle Stanyer
 Carly Vause
 Business Manager: Shaun Ryan

Teaching Staff:

Afrikaans: Mirella Grove, Alma Jansen van Vuuren
 Arabana: Greg Wilson
 Arabic: Salwa Tawadrous
 Auslan: Lorraine Ferguson
 Bosnian: Muhidin Durmanovic
 Chinese: Lynn Davis, Isabel Feng, Yijun Gao, Tong Tong Li, Muy Jhou Moo, Hong Tian, Karen Wang, Shohret Yusoph
 Croatian: Branimir Cirjak
 Dinka: Peter Deng
 French: Craig Bowyer, Bibbiana DePasquale, Jenny Ditillo, Elizabeth Entraigues, Colette Merckel, Mary Smallwood, Shontelle Stanyer
 German: Mechthild Heusel-Timmins, Shane Peterer, Anne Reuter
 Hindi: Tajinder Kaur, Amita Malhotra
 Indonesian: Andrea Corston, Dianne Dahim, Ellis Robb, Carly Vause
 Italian: Bibbiana DePasquale, Jenny Ditillo, Lucia Gentilcore, Caterina Strangio, Gosia Sztolc
 Japanese: Eri Brown, Hisako Diggins, Kelly Greatrex, Chizuru Lock, Kerry Ridley, Barb Smith
 Khmer: Sokho Chau, Yok Le Ly, Chharida Mann, Lean Hor So, Rany Thach
 Kirundi: Andre Ntibesha
 Korean: Ben Anderson, Parky Anderson, Yong Mi Muirhead
 Nepali: Lok Poudyel
 Persian: Amir Alikhani, Marjan Sobhani, Shahla Pakrou
 Pitjantjatjara: Greg Wilson
 Polish: Joanna Burnat, Halina Pietrzak
 Portuguese: Marina Ribeiro de Almeida
 Punjabi: Satwinder Kaur
 Serbian: Mia Uzelac
 Spanish: Ben Anderson, Parky Anderson, Noelia Carvajal Balbin, Lucia Gentilcore, Flor Groenen, Carolina Barquero Masero, Lorena Pineda Gonzalez, Patricia Rosales, Teresa Vaccaro, Carmen Vasquez
 Swahili: Andre Ntibesha
 Vietnamese: Ly Le, Phuong Ngo

Support Staff:

Office Staff: Thorl Chea
 Steve Milazzo
 Jenny Ivchenko
 IT Technician: Rita Evdokiou

KEY DATES FOR TERM 1

Week 2

Classes begin in all centres (week beginning Monday 6th February)

IB Award Ceremony, Adelaide Town Hall, **Monday 6th February**

SACE Merit Ceremony at Government House, **Tuesday 7th February**

Week 3

Parent/caregiver information sessions:

- at Belair Primary School, **Tuesday 14th February, 4:15 – 5:00pm**
- at Nairne Primary School, **Wednesday 15th February, 4:15 – 5:00pm**
- at Walkerville Primary School, **Thursday 16th February, 4:15 – 5:00pm**

Week 4

Parent/caregiver information sessions:

- at Torrens Valley School, **Tuesday 21st February, 4:30 – 5:15pm**
- at Thomas More College, **Wednesday 22nd February, 5:15 – 6:00pm**
- at School of Languages, for secondary programs, **Thursday 23rd February, 6:30 – 7:30pm**

School Council meeting – **Tuesday, 21st February, 7pm**

Week 5

Parent/caregiver information sessions:

- at School of Languages, for primary programs, **Monday 27th February, 4:30 – 5:15pm**

Week 6

Tuesday 7th March – all Adelaide High School classes relocated to School of Languages

Parent/caregiver information sessions:

- at Glenunga International High School, **Wednesday 8th March, 7:00 – 8:00pm**

RAN training for volunteers, **Friday 10th March, 1:00 – 3:00PM**

Week 7

Monday 13th March - Public holiday – classes cancelled

Week 8

School Council AGM - **Tuesday 21st March, 7pm**

Wednesday 22nd March – all Adelaide High School classes relocated to School of Languages

Assessment period 1 closes

Week 10

Friday 7th April – Study Tours to Italy and Spain depart

Week 11

Last day of lessons **Thursday 13th April**

TERM 1 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS: **Friday 14th April – Sunday 30th April**

Friday 14th April: Study Tour to New Caledonia departs (check)

Term 1 reports and Term 2 newsletter distributed during school holidays.

Saturday 29th April – Study Tours return from Italy, New Caledonia (check) and Spain.

Term 2 commences Monday 1st May