

TERM 2, 2018

From the Principal: Lia Tedesco

Term 1 commenced well, with 2006 enrolments at this point in time – our highest ever enrolment number! We have enrolled 138 international students, 26 home schooled students, and 924 students at primary level. At senior secondary level, we have 315 students in Year 11 and 314 in Year 12, including 85 students who are enrolled in the International Baccalaureate Diploma level.

Languages with the most enrolments this year are French (280), Chinese (258), Spanish (238), Italian (191), Japanese (166), Khmer (139), Korean (132) and Nepali (122).

We are looking forward to our External School Review, to be held in In Week 4 of Term 2. This review is part of the DECD school improvement and accountability processes, through which all schools are externally reviewed every four years. The review involves a visiting Review Team, who meet with members of the Senior Leadership Team, and a number of staff, students and parents. They will also visit some classes, and analyse school data and key school processes, in order to develop recommendations to be included in our next Strategic Plan.

Class Relocations

On Tuesday 8th May classes usually held at Adelaide High School will be relocated to the School of Languages, 255 Torrens Rd, West Croydon. We apologise for any inconvenience that these relocations may cause.

Student Achievement Term 1

Reports for the first term will be mailed out during the school holidays. Please read the reports carefully and do not hesitate to contact the teacher if you have any questions or you would like more information about any aspect of the report.

Reminder

Parents are reminded to take care when dropping off students before class and when picking them up after class. We are concerned about student safety, particularly at peak times when many students are getting in and out of vehicles in congested parking spots. We ask you to please be patient, drive carefully and to be very vigilant.

Staff News

Since our last newsletter, we have welcomed the following staff to the school:

- **Seokran Lee:** Korean
- **Louise McKenna:** French
- **Diana Southasee:** Vietnamese

Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews

Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews will be held in week 3 of term 2 (14th – 19th May). These interviews provide a valuable opportunity for parents/caregivers, students and teachers to discuss student progress and to explore ways of helping them to achieve success in their language studies. The letters of invitation will be mailed home with reports. If you are unable to attend

the interview, please note that our teachers can be contacted by ringing our office on 8301 4800 or by e-mail (the email address appears on the weekly Teaching and Learning Plan that your students are given each lesson).

To make the most of these interviews it is suggested that:

- you plan specific questions you wish to ask
- you identify and communicate factors teachers need to be aware of in relation to your child's learning
- students also attend.

After the interview, it is important that parents follow up with their children on matters discussed at the meeting, by:

- acknowledging strengths
- discussing areas where improvements can be made
- encouraging your child to take responsibility for their own learning.

2018 Study Tours!

Continuing the fantastic successes of the School of Languages Study Tour programme, during the coming holidays 27 students will be studying the languages and immersing themselves in the cultures of Spain and Japan. On the 6th of April 17 students will be flying to Spain to study in Salamanca and Granada; and on Friday the 13th of April ten students will be flying to Tokyo to spend 2 weeks in that city as well as visiting Hiroshima, Kyoto and Osaka. We wish these students happy and safe travels and encourage them to make the most of this fantastic opportunity to be immersed in real-world application of their chosen studies.

In October of this year the School of Languages will be revisiting Korea for the third time and Japan for the second time; and in December our inaugural Chinese Study Tour will take place. These study tours are currently being advertised and meetings will be held with all interested parties in the first weeks of term 2.

Now is also the time to express your interest in study tours to Italy, New Caledonia or South

America in 2019. Information meetings will be held at the School of Languages on Friday 4th May, as follows:

- 5:30 – 6:30pm, for parents and students interested in the study tour to South America
- 7:00 – 8:00pm, for parents and students interested in the study tour to Italy.

The information meeting for parents and students interested in the study tour to New Caledonia is yet to be scheduled.

Places are filling fast, so please register your interest with ben.anderson511@schools.sa.edu.au a.s.a.p.

Study Tour for all Year 12 students

Building onto the successful School of Languages Study Tours Programme, we are now planning an Overseas Language and Culture Experience to Cambodia for all of our year 12 students, irrespective of which language they are studying with us.

The School of Languages Cambodia Tour will take place in December of this year and will include working on a house building project, a school visit in rural Siem Reap, a tour of the Angkor Wat, a whole day tour travelling from Siem Reap to Phnom Penh by boat on the Mekong River, tours to the Killing Fields and the Genocide Museum, tours of the royal residence and Australian Embassy in Phnom Penh, cooking classes, tuk-tuk tours, visits to local and traditional markets and much more.

This 2 week tour will return to Australia before Christmas. The cost will be approximately \$3000 (TBD); and participating students will also be required to do some fundraising to support the construction of houses in rural Cambodia. If this sounds like a fantastic way to finish high school, please contact Ben Anderson at the School of Languages at ben.anderson511@schools.sa.edu.au

Year 12 Vacation School

Every year in the July school holidays, the School of Languages runs the Vacation School for Stage 2 languages students and teachers. These SACE exam preparation workshops will be available for Chinese, French, German, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese and Spanish at Stage 2 Continuers Level.

Students from different schools around the state attend these workshops, which have a focus on preparation for conversation and discussion, reading and responding, listening and responding, and writing in the target language. In addition, students discuss language structures suitable for each section of the exam, marking criteria, past examiners' reports, and teacher advice.

Student and teacher feedback from Vacation School 2017 was extremely positive, showing how highly they valued this experience. In 2018, Vacation School will run on **Wednesday 11th of July**. Registration will open in term 2 so make sure you save the date!

Location:

School of Languages, 255 Torrens Rd; West Croydon

Date and Time:

Wednesday, 11th July, 8:30 am to 4:00pm

Languages:

Stage 2 Continuers level: Chinese, French, German, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese and Spanish

Contact:

Registration forms will be sent to schools during Term 2. They will also be available on our school web site at: www.schooloflanguages.sa.edu.au

For further information about this program please contact Thorl Chea: Thorl.Chea707@schools.sa.edu.au

School Council

The School Council AGM was held on Tuesday 20th March. I am pleased to introduce Council members and Office Bearers for this year:

Dr Kate Cameron:	<i>Chair; Parent representative: Italian</i>
Olga Kostic:	<i>Treasurer; Parent representative: Italian</i>
Dr Michelle Kohler:	<i>Secretary; Parent representative: Italian</i>
Nancy Enil:	<i>Chair: Public Relations Committee; Parent representative: French</i>
Kathryn Sergeant :	<i>Parent representative: Indonesian, Italian, Spanish</i>
Thorl Chea:	<i>Parent representative: Khmer</i>
Carol Shaw:	<i>Parent representative: German</i>
Herbert Schwarz	<i>Parent representative: Chinese</i>
Andrew Scrimgeour:	<i>Modern Languages Teachers Association representative</i>
Suzanne Bradshaw:	<i>Multicultural Education and Languages Committee representative</i>
Darryl Buchanan:	<i>Ethnic Schools Association representative</i>
Barb Smith:	<i>Staff representative</i>
Lia Tedesco:	<i>Principal</i>

There is still one student representative vacancy. Please contact Lia Tedesco if you are interested: Lia.Tedesco771@schools.sa.edu.au

At the AGM, we heard Dr Michelle Kohler, from Flinders University (and one of our parent representatives), tell us about languages education policies in the different states and territories around Australia.

Key Dates Term 2

Week 1

- **Monday 30th April** - first day of term
- **Friday 4th May**, 5:30 – 6:30pm – information meeting for the 2019 Study Tour to South America
- **Friday 4th May**, 7:00 – 8:00pm – information meeting for the 2019 Study Tour to Italy

Week 2

- **Tuesday 8th May** – Adelaide High School classes relocated to the School of Languages

Week 3

- Parent/Caregiver/Student/Teacher interviews
- **Tuesday 15th May, 7pm** – School Council meeting

Week 4

- External School Review

Week 7

- **Monday 11th June** – Public Holiday - All classes cancelled
- End of Semester 1

Week 8

- Semester 2 begins
- **Tuesday 19th June, 7pm** – School Council meeting

Week 9

- Year 12 midyear written examinations

Week 10

- Year 12 midyear oral examinations
- **Saturday 7th July** - last day of term

School holidays: 8th July – 22nd July

- Term 2 reports distributed
- Term 3 newsletter distributed
- **Wednesday 11th July** - Year 12 Vacation School