

TERM 2 2017

From the Principal: Lia Tedesco

Term 1 commenced well, with 1975 enrolments at this point in time. This is our highest enrolment ever, as the school continues to grow!

We have enrolled 124 international students, 20 home schooled students, and 890 students at primary level. At senior secondary level, we have 413 students in Year 11 and 418 in Year 12, including 97 students who are enrolled in the International Baccalaureate Diploma level.

Languages with the most enrolments are Italian (236), French (235), Chinese (231), Spanish (204), Japanese (173), Khmer (142), and Korean (132).

The School of Languages is currently preparing for a Facebook launch. We are excited to be moving into the social media space; to connect with our School community, to raise greater awareness in the broader community of who we are and the courses we offer, to share positive news, upcoming events and informative articles and links to resources on language learning.

Social Media Acceptable Use Guidelines have been developed to reinforce the importance of using this forum in a positive and respectful way. The document will be referenced on the Facebook page, and available in full on the School website.

Keep an eye on our website for more information soon!

<http://www.schooloflanguages.sa.edu.au>

On Monday 27th March we were delighted to welcome to the school Mr Soo Hwan Kang, Director of the Korean Education Centre, Consulate General of the Republic of Korea. We discussed the expansion of our Korean programs in our school, and visited a number of Korean classes. Mr Kang was delighted to meet our students and see our classes in action. We are grateful to Mr Kang and the Korean Education Centre for the support we have received from them.



Adriana Basic: Assistant Principal, Teaching and Learning; Andrea Corston: Coordinator, Marketing and Promotions and Asian Languages; Danielle Popovic and Brent Bloffwitch: Languages Officers, SACE Board; Maribel Coffey: Languages Manager, DECD; Lia Tedesco, Principal; Mr Soo Hwan Kang: Director, Korean Education Centre; Ben Anderson: Coordinator, Student Connections; Anne Reuter: Assistant Principal, Student and Staff Services

Class Relocations

Classes usually held at Adelaide High School will be relocated to the School of Languages, 255 Torrens Rd, on the following dates:

- Tuesday 9 May
- Tuesday 4 July
- Thursday 6 July

We apologise for any inconvenience that these relocations lay cause.

Study Tours!

Nothing improves language skills like being in the country and speaking to the locals!

We are excited to inform you that our Study Tours to Italy, Spain and New Caledonia are set to depart soon!

Study Tour to Spain

Our study tour to Spain departs on Friday 7th April, with 11 students and 3 teachers! Students will study Spanish language and culture in a three-week programme that will take place in the European Cultural Capital of Salamanca and the ancient Moorish city of Granada, with side excursions to Zamora, Madrid and Seville. In both cities the students will be engaged in four hours of intensive Spanish language study every weekday morning and two hours of programmed cultural activities every afternoon. With 44 planned hours of intensive study and 22 hours of cultural activities (all delivered in Spanish), our students will undertake the contact equivalent of one whole semester of study, plus the benefits of time spent with their homestay families and in the community. No doubt they will return with greatly enhanced linguistic skills!

This study tour will be led by Ben Anderson and Parky Anderson.

Study Tour to Italy

This Study Tour also departs on Friday 7th April, and will be based in Verona, the beautiful city of Romeo and Juliet. Students will have the opportunity to attend a language school each morning, visit the city and surrounds each afternoon, and also meet students from our sister school in Verona. We have also included excursions to the magnificent Renaissance city of Florence, the canals of Venice, Assisi and the Vatican Museums in Rome.

This study tour will be led by Lia Tedesco and Craig Bowyer, and will include 9 students and 1 parent.

Study Tour to New Caledonia

On Saturday the 15th of April a group of 12 students and 4 teachers from the School of Languages, Renmark High School and Bordertown High School will depart Adelaide for the French territory of New Caledonia for two weeks. Our group will be studying French each day at the Institute Voltaire in Noumea and will enjoy a variety of cultural and natural activities, all delivered in French, each afternoon in the French Pacific. We will be welcomed and hosted by New Caledonian families ensuring that our group has a rich intercultural experience during our two week stay.

This study tour will be led by Shontelle Stanyer and Shane Peterer.

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.

Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews

Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews will be held in week 3 of term 2 (15th – 20th May). These interviews provide a valuable opportunity for a two way conversation between parents/caregivers 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

Year 12 Vacation School

We are once again pleased to be able to offer this exciting opportunity for year 12 languages students.

Location:

School of Languages, 255 Torrens Rd; West Croydon

Date and Time:

Wednesday, 12th July, 8:30 am to 4:00pm

Languages:

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

Program:

- A focus on the SACE curriculum statement and preparation for the year 12 exam
- Opportunities for oral exam practice in the target language

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

Staff News

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

- **Chimao Kang:** Khmer
- **Daniela Rocha:** Spanish
- **Minh Dang:** Vietnamese
- **Andrea Hughes:** Portuguese (to replace Marina Ribeiro de Almeida, who will be on Long Service Leave for 8 weeks)

We are also pleased to welcome the following student teachers from the University of Adelaide in Term 2:

- **Jingze Nicole Du:** Chinese
- **Laura Pardon:** Japanese
- **Sarah Andrews:** Spanish

School Council

The School Council AGM was held on Tuesday 21st 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>
Craig Bowyer:	<i>Chair: Public Relations Committee; Parent representative: Italian</i>
TBA:	<i>Modern Languages Teachers Association representative</i>
Angela Scarino and Suzanne Bradshaw:	<i>Multicultural Education and Languages Committee representatives</i>
Kathryn Sergeant :	<i>Parent representative: French, Indonesian, Italian, Spanish</i>
Thorl Chea:	<i>Parent representative: Khmer</i>
Nicola Formichella:	<i>Parent representative: Italian</i>
Barb Smith:	<i>Staff representative</i>
Matteo Formichella:	<i>Student representative</i>
Paris Williams:	<i>Student representative</i>
Lia Tedesco:	<i>Principal</i>

There is still one parent representative vacancy. Please contact Lia Tedesco if you are interested.

At the AGM, we heard Professor John West-Sooby from Adelaide University tell us about the provision of Languages in the tertiary sector, and the most common Languages learning pathways that students are selecting.

Key Dates Term 2

Week 1

- **Monday 1st May** - first day of term

Week 2

- **Tuesday 9th May** – Adelaide High School classes relocated to the School of Languages

Week 3

- Parent/Caregiver/Student/Teacher interviews
- **Tuesday 16th May, 7pm** – School Council meeting

Week 7

- **Monday 12th June** – Public Holiday - All classes cancelled
- End of Semester 1

Week 8

- Semester 2 begins
- **Tuesday 20th June, 7pm** – School Council meeting

Week 9

- Year 12 midyear written examinations

Week 10

- Year 12 midyear oral examinations
- **Tuesday 4th July** - Adelaide High School classes relocated to the School of Languages
- **Thursday 6 July** – Adelaide High School classes relocated to the School of Languages
- **Saturday 7th July** - last day of term

School holidays: 8th July – 23rd July

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