Prospectus

school *of* languages

Who we are

The School of Languages is a government school that specialises in languages education. Since its establishment in 1986, this unique South Australian school has supported thousands of students to pursue their interest in languages learning and to experience the joy of embracing another culture.

The school was initially founded as a secondary school for students from all three sectors. In 2000 the school introduced its first classes for students from Reception to Year 7. Over the years, these classes have grown in popularity and demand.

Our mission

The School of Languages aims to enhance access, choice and continuity in language learning for South Australian learners, through the provision of quality programs in a broad range of languages R-12, that complement and supplement languages programs offered in mainstream schools and ethnic schools.

Our values

■ *Respect*

■ *Quality*

■ *Diversity*

■ *Commitment*

Nikola is in her third Year of Italian with the School of Languages. Having attended the Italian Study Tour she is able to understand spoken Italian to a surprising level and can now connect with our family's teenagers in Italy! Nikola now also excels in Japanese at her regular school as she draws comparisons between learning languages with different scripts.

Olga (parent and School Council member)

Our unique context

Students from Government, Catholic and Independent schools come together after school hours to learn the language of their choice, which is not available in their home school. Lessons are held once a week in a friendly environment of committed professionals and motivated students. This provides for a sustained focus and time for extending students' learning through a wide range of activities.

Teaching centres

Our classes are held in schools across Adelaide, with Adelaide High School being the largest centre. Approximately 20 other teaching centres offer a variety of languages at various year levels, in response to local demand.

We give special acknowledgement and appreciation to the many schools across Adelaide that host our programs, thus enabling students and their families to benefit from learning a language.

Choosing to learn a language

Studying another language offers many rewards, including:

- being able to communicate, interact and negotiate within and across languages and cultures

- understanding one's own and others' languages, thus extending the range of literacy skills, including skills in English literacy

- understanding selves and others, and the diverse ways of knowing, being and doing

- further developing cognitive skills through thinking critically and analytically, solving problems, and making connections in learning

- becoming more competitive in the global market.

I chose to learn French because I thought it would help my grades and I could go to different places and speak the language. It is really fun and it makes you smarter!

Thamara (Year 6 student of French)

Why learn languages?

I really want to study journalism when I'm older. So I think languages would really come in handy for that type of job.

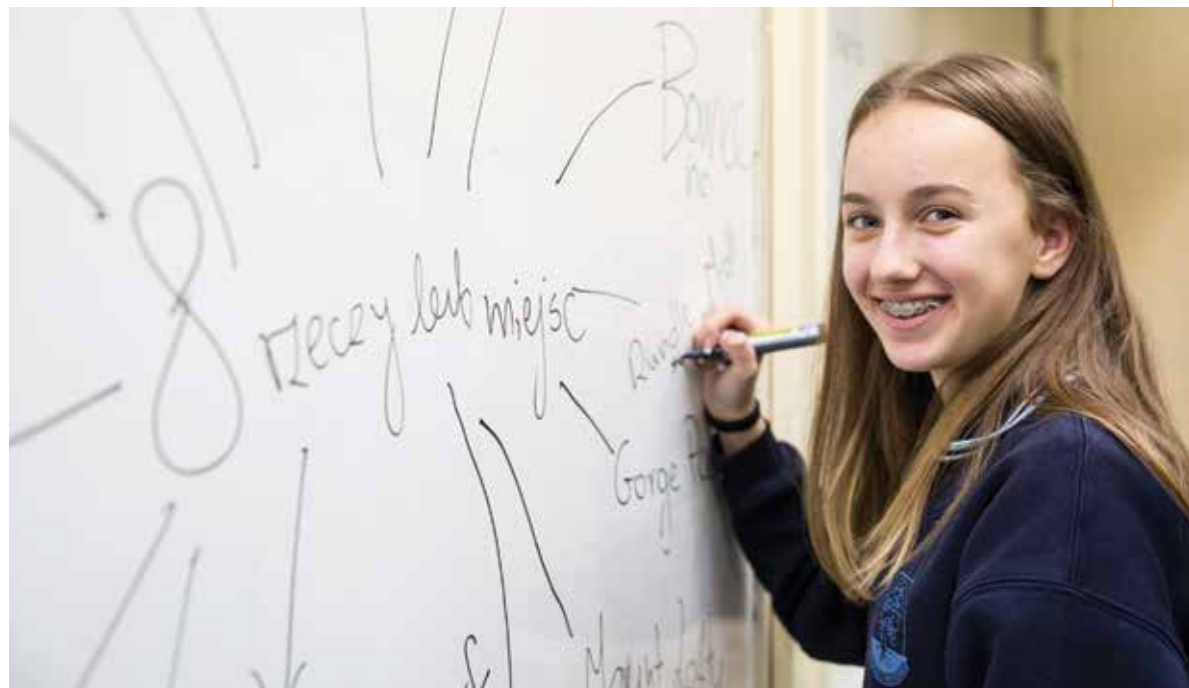**Anha**
(Year 11 student of Beginners Spanish)

Community partnerships

The School of Languages is proud of its strong relationships with many schools, organisations and language-specific communities. These partnerships have resulted in its steady growth over the years.

Celebration of student success

Our staff are passionate about the language/s they teach and committed to supporting their students to achieve their very best. This is evident in our exceptional Year 12 results, and in the positive feedback that we regularly receive from students, parents and schools.

Students are formally recognised for their commitment and achievement at the end of each term through Principal's Awards, and at the end of the year at the Celebration of Achievement, a major school event that attracts hundreds of students, members of their family and community.

Languages taught

A wide range of languages is available through the school, both at primary and secondary levels.

The full list of language courses and programs can be found at www.schooloflanguages.sa.edu.au

Open the door to the world

Learn a language at the School of Languages