

TERM 1 2019

Message from the Principal – Lia Tedesco

I wish to extend a warm welcome to all members of the school community for the 2019 school year; and a particularly warm welcome to students and parents who have joined the school for the first time.

We have commenced the year with very strong enrolment numbers: more than 1950 students at this point in time; and still enrolling!

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

286 students in total completed a SACE Stage 2 language; with 85% of them achieving an A or B:

- 45.1% achieved an A grade
- 39.9% achieved a B grade

The following 10 students deserve a special mention for receiving an A+ with merit, and were presented with Merit Certificates at Government House on Tuesday 5th February:

- Sophie Madeline Szabo: French Continuers
- Stefan Bianchet: Italian Beginners
- Mon Maya Chamlagal: Nepali Language and Culture
- Hui Wen Zha: Japanese Beginners
- Mir Park: Japanese Continuers
- Chanlini Leng: Khmer Continuers
- Matilda Krywanio: Korean Beginners
- Yunmi Park: Korean Continuers
- Huynh Bao Chau Dang: Vietnamese Background Speakers
- Ngoc Thuy Katie Tran: Vietnamese Continuers

Last year there were also 44 year 12 students who studied an IB language course with us. 8 of them achieved a perfect score of 7; and another 15 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 4th February:

- Bishouy Ghaly: Arabic B SL
- Lucas Woodrow: German B HL
- Miles Weder: German B SL
- Sangho Lee: Japanese B SL
- Amin Esmailzadeh: Japanese B HL
- Pasindu Bandara: Spanish Ab Initio
- Madison Davis: Spanish AB Initio
- Leonardo Silva Paniagua: Spanish B HL

Term Dates

This year the term dates are as follows:

- Term 1: all classes commence week beginning Monday 4th February, and end on Saturday 13th April.
- Term 2: Monday 29th April – Saturday 6th July
- Term 3: Monday 22nd July – Saturday 28th September
- Term 4: Monday 14th October – Saturday 7th December for last day of classes.

Communication and Contact Details

Communication with our parent community is very important; and relies on up to date addresses, mobile numbers and email addresses. Please remember to notify our Front Office if any of your contact details change, so that our records can be kept up to date.

24 Languages Offered in 2019

This year the school is offering classes in:

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

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

Classes are held in 23 different school locations around the metropolitan area:

Adelaide High School
Alberton Primary School
Belair Primary School
Burnside Primary School
Fulham North Primary School
Glenunga International High School
Lockleys Primary School
Lockleys North Primary School
Magill Primary School
Modbury R - 7 School
Nairne Primary School
Nuriootpa High School
Paralowie R – 12 School
Playford International College
Plympton International R – 12 College
Prospect Primary School
Roma Mitchell Secondary College
Salisbury East High School
School of Languages
Thomas More College
Torrens Valley Christian School
Walkerville Primary School
West Beach Primary School

Our school timetable is available on our website at www.schooloflanguages.sa.edu.au

Visit our website

Visit our website to listen to last year's guest speaker at our Speech Night, Political reporter for SBS, Maria Zivic, talk about why learning Languages has been an important part of her life! You will also find other important information, including key school policies, course overviews and enrolment information.

Parent/Caregiver Information Sessions

We are holding a number of parent information sessions at various Teaching Centres over the next few weeks. If you are keen to find out more about the school, and to meet the Principal, you are very welcome to attend whichever one is most convenient for you. There is no need to RSVP.

Information sessions regarding our primary courses will be held as follows:

- Monday 11th February, at West Beach Primary School, from 4:30 – 5:15pm
- Wednesday 13th February, at the School of Languages, from 5:15 – 6:00pm
- Saturday 16th February, at the School of Languages, from 11:15am – 12:00pm

Information sessions regarding our secondary courses will be held as follows:

- Tuesday 12th February, at Nuriootpa High School, from 5:15-6:00pm
- Tuesday 12th February, at Glenunga international High School, from 6:45-7:45pm
- Wednesday 13th February, at the School of Languages, from 5:15 – 6:00pm.

Term 1 Class Cancellations / Relocations

Please note the following class cancellations/relocations:

- **Monday 11th February:** All Playford classes are cancelled
- **Wednesday 20th February:** all AHS classes relocated to School of Languages
- **Wednesday 20th March:** all AHS classes relocated to School of Languages

UN International Year of Indigenous Languages

This year is the United Nations International Year of Indigenous Languages; and we will be celebrating this focus at our Public Seminar to be held later in the year. In the meantime, you may like to read the articles in the following links:

- <https://theconversation.com/why-do-so-few-aussies-speak-an-australian-language-109570>
- <http://theconversation.com/the-state-of-australias-indigenous-languages-and-how-we-can-help-people-speak-them-more-often-109662>

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Craig Bowyer (one of our teachers of French) who has successfully completed his Master of Education (Leadership); and to Flor Groenen (one of our teachers of Spanish) who has also completed her Master of Education, with Distinction.

Congratulations are also due to one of our co-ordinators, Ben Anderson, who won a Department of Education scholarship to travel to Germany during the holidays, to study German and improve his linguistic proficiency; and to Parky Anderson (one of our teachers of Korean and Spanish) who also won a scholarship to study Spanish in Melbourne at the El Patio Spanish school.

We also wish to congratulate Sophie Szabo, one of our students of French (who also achieved a SACE Merit), who recently won the Award for Leadership in Languages and Cultures. This award is provided by the Minister for Education through the Multicultural Education and Languages Committee (MELC) and is administered by the Australia Day Council of South Australia. Congratulations Sophie!

Scholarship to study Spanish: Parky Anderson

This January I was very privileged to receive a State Government scholarship for a short course study opportunity. I chose to travel to Melbourne to study Spanish at the “El Patio” Spanish school, endorsed by the Spanish Consulate in Melbourne.

El Patio offers a range of small classes depending on the learners’ levels, interests and goals. I was fortunate to have customised private lessons as well as participate in a group summer intensive course. It was quite challenging and made me realise that learning a foreign language is always a journey, never a destination. I appreciate this opportunity and am thankful for my special learning journey at El Patio in Melbourne.



Parky Anderson second from right with fellow students at El Patio school in Melbourne.

Scholarship to study German: Ben Anderson

Last November I was awarded a State Government funded in-country immersion scholarship, to spend the whole of January in Mannheim, Germany. During this time I studied German 5 hours per weekday for four weeks, engaged in cultural activities in the afternoons and weekends, made preparations for a School of Languages German Study Tour and sought contacts to begin a sister-school relationship with a German school. My arrival in Germany to a temperature of -4*c was a unique shock after the hot Christmas-New Year period we had had in Adelaide. As the four weeks of study and activities flew by, I could feel my German improving every day. It was my first German immersion experience for 19 years and I was very grateful to the Department for Education for the scholarship opportunity.

Along with a significant revitalisation of my German language skills and an updated set of cultural references, I was able to forge a relationship with the Bilingual International School in Heidelberg and make great headway into a possible 2020 study tour to Heidelberg and the region. If you would like to read about my experiences in Baden-Württemberg, in the Goethe Institute and beyond, you can do so at my tour blog at www.schlemmen.weebly.com



Ben Anderson on study tour in Germany.

School Council

This year the Annual General Meeting of the School Council will be held on **Tuesday 26th March, at 7pm**, at the School of Languages at 255 Torrens Rd, West Croydon. Our guest speaker will be Andrew Vinter, Manager of Languages in the Department for Education. He will talk about the State Government's Languages in Schools initiative, and will outline the progress being made across a range of actions.

All members of the school community are invited to attend.

Parent representatives on School Council are appointed for a two year period; and student and staff representatives are appointed for a one year period. We will have a number of parent vacancies in 2019, 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.

SACE Holiday Intensives

One of the actions in the State Government's Languages in Schools initiative involves our school developing and delivering a program of intensive and interactive language experiences for SA students (across all sectors) enrolled in a Stage 1 or 2 Continuers language pathway in Italian, French, Spanish, German, Indonesian, Chinese and Japanese.

The program will be held at the School of Languages, and commence in the April school holidays, with a 2 day program for Italian and Japanese on 18th and 24th April; and will be offered again on 17th and 18th July for all 7 languages. Further information will be available soon on our website.

Languages Alive!

This year we will again be offering an exciting program of language and cultural experiences for primary aged children in the school holidays. This program is also funded through the State Government's Languages in Schools initiative.

Dates and locations for this year's April school holiday program are as follows:

- Monday 15th April, at the School of Languages
- Tuesday 16th April, at the School of Languages
- Wednesday 17th April at Auburn Primary School
- Tuesday 23rd April at Nairne Primary School
- Wednesday 24th April at Modbury R – 7 School

Further details will be available soon on our website, with registrations through Ticketebo.

Study Tours

In April this year 10 students will be travelling to Spain and 8 to New Caledonia with School of Languages study tours. The Spanish Study Tour will take place from 5th April to 27th April; and the New Caledonia tour from 13th April to 27th April.

This will be the School of Languages' 4th study tour to Spain and 2nd tour to New Caledonia.

A further study tour for this year has also been planned for Korea in October, with a number of State Government funded scholarships available. Information about these scholarships will soon be available for our students of Korean.

For 2020 we are planning tours to Spain, Italy, New Caledonia, Germany, Japan, Korea and Cambodia. Information about these opportunities will be made available later in the year.

Dante Alighieri Society

The Dante Alighieri Society offers Italian language classes for adults and for pre-schoolers.

If you would like to know more about their classes for adults, they will be holding an Information Evening at 6.00pm Mon 11 Feb 2019, at the Italian Centre, 262A Carrington St, Adelaide.

If you are looking for Italian classes for pre-schoolers, the DANTE Kids program provides a fun, interactive and educational experience for children aged 0-5. They are affiliated with Playgroup SA, and each week different themes and topics are covered. The playgroup will re-commence in February, at the Altavilla Irpinia Sports & Social Club, 281 The Parade, Beulah Park.

For further information on either program please contact them at:

info@ladantesa.com | www.ladantesa.com

In addition, this year they are again offering Caffè Italiano, an Italian language conversation course. commencing Tuesday 12 March, at the Multicultural Communities Council, 113 Gilbert Street Adelaide. Caffè Italiano is suitable for people who have studied Italian language to an intermediate or advanced level, or for speakers of Italian who wish to refresh, update or maintain their fluency. Sessions are held every second Tuesday from 5.30 to 7pm and run in blocks of eight sessions per semester. Sessions focus on conversation in Italian about topics related to contemporary Italian life, and also include vocabulary

extension, pronunciation practice and grammar exercises as needed. The fee for a block of eight sessions over one semester is \$88 and enrolment requires paid membership of the Dante Alighieri Society SA. If you would like further information about Caffè Italiano, please contact Giuliana Otmarich on 0407791917.

Indonesian Sister School: Andrea Corston

As Coordinator for Asian Languages, Secondary, and Indonesian teacher, I was invited to the annual conference of the Australian Independent School (AIS), Indonesia, in Jakarta from 17-18 January, 2019.

The School of Languages signed a Memorandum of Understanding with AIS in January 2018 when Principal, Lia Tedesco visited the school. I discovered we have much in common with our sister school! AIS has 3 campuses in Indonesia: K-6 in the Kemang region, 7-12 in the Pejaten region and a K-12 school in Bali; like us, they have multiple teaching sites. AIS teaches the Australian Curriculum R-10 including Indonesian as a second language (as most students are international enrolments), as do we. In Years 11-12 they follow the IB Diploma program. We also offer a number of IB languages for students in IB day schools. Also, the AIS staff and student cohort is very multi-lingual and multi-cultural, as are we!

I joined the staff from all three campuses for their beginning of year orientation and professional development program. It was my pleasure to offer a workshop for their Indonesian and English as an Additional Language teaching staff on the second day. I was made to feel very welcome by Principal, Brenton Hall and all staff. On behalf of the School of Languages I was able to present a gift to AIS Indonesia, of two vibrant framed bird prints by local Adelaide artists.

Both schools look forward to engaging in a number of joint activities that will be part of our sister school relationship, including student class communications and teacher exchanges.



Principal, Brenton Hall and Head of Bali campus, John Millis.



Head of Primary Campus, Jodi Fillingame with Andrea Corston.

LEADERSHIP TEAM

Principal: Lia Tedesco

Assistant Principals:

- Teaching & Learning Adriana Basic
- Public Relations Maribel Coffey
- Student & Staff Services Anne Reuter

Coordinators:

- Ben Anderson
- Matthew Brown
- Andrea Corston
- Halina Pietrzak
- Ivana Quadrelli
- Sonia Zocchi

Business Manager: Selina Sawley

TEACHING STAFF

Afrikaans: Jacolienne Roux

Arabic: Meriam Guirgus, Salwa Tawadrous

Auslan: Sophia Borick

Bosnian: Muhidin Durmanovic

Chinese: Isabel Feng, Yijun Gao, Muy Jhou Moo, Min Mu, Barb Smith, Hong Tian, Karen Wang, Shohret Yusoph

Croatian: Branimir Cirjak

Dinka: Kuol Baak, Peter Deng

French: Denise Arab, Craig Bowyer, Bibbiana DePasquale, Jenny Ditillo, Colette Merkel, Catherine Skene, Mary Smallwood, Teresa Vaccaro, Caroline Zavahir-Burlin

German: Katrina Berry, Mechthild Heusel-Timmins, Anne Reuter

Hindi: Tajinder Kaur, Amita Malhotra

Indonesian: Andrea Corston, Daniel Micklem, Ellis Robb

Italian: Bibbiana DePasquale, Jenny Ditillo, Lucia Gentilcore, Caterina Strangio, Gosia Sztolc, Teresa Vaccaro

Japanese: Eri Brown, Matthew Brown, Hisako Diggins, Kelly Greatrex, Chizuru Lock, Shawnee Mephram, Kerry Ridley

Khmer: Sokho Chau, Chimao Kang, Yok Le Ly, Chharida Mann, Lean Hor So, Sreymom Sun

Korean: Ben Anderson, Parky Anderson, Yong Mi Muirhead

Nepali: Jai Bhandari, Lok Poudyel

Persian: Amir Alikhani, Marjan Sobhani

Pitjantjatjara: Michael Haynes

Polish: Joanna Burnat, Halina Pietrzak

Punjabi: Satwinder Kaur

Serbian: Jelena Dinic

Spanish: Parky Anderson, Noelia Carvajal Balbin, Lucia Gentilcore, Flor Groenen, Yox Ortiz Matos, Lorena Pineda Gonzalez, Patricia Rosales

Vietnamese: Phuong Ngo, Ivy Nguyen

SUPPORT STAFF

Office Staff: Thorl Chea, Steve Milazzo, Jenny Ivchenko, Kerrin White

IT Technician: Rita Evdokiou

KEY DATES FOR TERM 1

WEEK 2:

Classes begin in all centres (week beginning Monday 4th February)

IB Award Ceremony, Adelaide Town Hall: Monday 4th February
SACE Merit Ceremony at Government House: Tuesday 5th February

WEEK 3:

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WEEK 4:

Wednesday 20th February: all AHS classes relocated to School of Languages

WEEK 5:

School Council meeting: Tuesday, 26th February, 7pm

WEEK 7:

Monday 11th March: Public holiday – classes cancelled

WEEK 8:

Wednesday 20th March: all AHS classes relocated to School of Languages
End of assessment period 1

WEEK 9:

School Council AGM: Tuesday 26th March, 7pm

WEEK 10:

Study Tour to Spain departs: Friday 5th April

WEEK 11:

Study Tour to New Caledonia departs: Saturday 13th April
Last day of lessons: Saturday 13th April

TERM 1 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS: Sunday 14th April – Sunday 28th April

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

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SACE Holiday Intensives

Thursday 18th and Wednesday 24th April, at the School of Languages.

Study Tours from New Caledonia and Spain return: Saturday 27th April

Term 2 commences: Monday 29th April