

TERM 1 2021

Message from the Principal – Lia Tedesco

I wish to extend a very warm welcome to all members of the school community for the 2021 school year; and a particularly warm welcome to students and parents who have joined the school for the first time.

2021 marks our 35th birthday year!

Anniversaries and birthdays are a time to reflect on where we have been and where we are going; they provide us with opportunities to reflect on our past, enjoy our present, and help to shape the future. In the words of William Arthur Ward: 'The past gives us experiences and memories; the present gives us challenges and opportunities; the future gives us visions and hope.'

As a school we can look back with pride on the path we have travelled; while at the same time, focusing on the road ahead. We began our journey humbly, with 155 enrolments in 1986, in 6 languages. Today, in 2021, this has grown to over 2000 enrolments across offerings in 28 languages. These languages represent a very diverse range, and include well established languages, together with languages of more recently arrived communities, such as Thai, which we are delighted to be introducing this year!

Year 12 Results

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

323 students in total completed a SACE Stage 2 language; with 89.47% of them achieving an A or B:

- 46.44% achieved an A grade
- 43.03% achieved a B grade

The following 6 students deserve a special mention for receiving an A+ with merit, and are being presented with Merit Certificates at Government House next week:

- Remashee Muniandy: Indonesian Continuers
- Cheaxing Tang: Khmer Continuers

- Jana Forster: Korean Continuers
- Justyna Joanna Dutka: Polish Continuers
- Carolina Pardo Teruel: Spanish Continuers
- Mi Thao Linh Ha: Vietnamese Continuers

Last year there were 36 year 12 students who studied an IB language course with us. 13 (36.1%) of them achieved a perfect score of 7; and another 13 (36.1%) 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 will be acknowledged at a ceremony at the Adelaide Town Hall on Monday 1st February:

- Lena Meta Amalia Blaschta: German B High Level
- Lucas Carvalho Rossner: German B High Level
- Xizi Wang: Japanese ab initio
- Areno Noguchi: Japanese B High Level
- Hoonyoung Lee: Korean B High Level
- Miyu Bansal: Spanish ab initio
- Yzzamin Lorie Baylas: Spanish ab initio
- Rongjun He: Spanish ab initio
- Ella Grace Maughan: Spanish ab initio
- Muhammad Yahya Malick: Spanish ab initio
- Tessa Arianna Carella: Spanish ab initio
- Ulises Emiliano Guzman Mora: Spanish B High Level
- Lucia Raquel Ebeling: Spanish B

New Programs

We are delighted to be introducing the following new programs in 2021:

- Year 8/adults Auslan at Nuriootpa High School
- R - 8/adults Auslan at Torrens Valley Christian College
- R - 7 Chinese at Annesley Junior School
- R - 7 Chinese at Burnside Primary School
- SACE Stage 2 French for Industry at the School of Languages
- R - 7 Indonesian at Nairne Primary School
- SACE Stages 1 and 2 Indonesian Background Speakers at Adelaide High School

- R - 7 Japanese at Torrens Valley Christian College
- R - 7 Khmer at Settlers Farm Campus R – 7 School
- R - 7 Punjabi at Modbury Primary School
- R - 7 Spanish at Burnside Primary School
- R - 7 Spanish at Settlers Farm Campus R – 7 School
- R – 7 Thai at the School of Languages

Term Dates

This year the term dates are as follows:

- Term 1: all classes commence week beginning Monday 1st February, and end on Saturday 10th April
- Term 2: Tuesday 27th April – Saturday 3rd July
- Term 3: Monday 19th July – Saturday 25th September
- Term 4: Monday 11th October – Saturday 4th December for last day of classes for R – 10 classes.

Last day of classes for Year 11 students is Saturday 27th November.

Last day of classes for Year 12 students is the week prior to the final exam. Dates of final classes will be communicated once the SACE and IB exam schedules are finalised.

24 Languages Offered in 2021

This year we are very proud to be offering the Thai language for the first time!

Please find below the full list of Languages on offer this year:

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

Classes are held in 28 different school locations around the metropolitan area:

Adelaide High School
 Alberton Primary School
 Annesley Junior 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
 Northern Adelaide Senior College
 Nuriootpa High School
 Parafield Gardens High School
 Paralowie R – 12 School
 Pilgrim School, Aberfoyle Park
 Playford International College
 Plympton International R – 12 College
 Prospect Primary School
 Roma Mitchell Secondary College
 Salisbury East High School
 School of Languages
 Settlers Farm Campus R – 7
 St John’s Grammar School
 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

Parent/Caregiver Information Sessions

This year, due to Covid, we have cancelled our parent information sessions; and have replaced them with a video that will soon be available to view on our website. The link will be sent to you via SMS as soon as it is available.

External School Review

As part of continuous school improvement, we will be involved in an External School Review (ESR) with a Department for Education (DfE) review panel towards the end of Term 1.

The purpose of external school reviews is to support schools to raise achievement, sustain high performance and provide quality assurance.

All government schools are externally reviewed generally within a 3 year cycle.

The focus of the external school review is to evaluate our school’s performance. The review panel includes a review officer and one or two trained review principals.

During the external school review, some students, parents, school council members and staff will be asked to provide information to the review panel in a number of ways. These include:

- individual interviews
- group discussions (with students or staff or parents)
- meetings (school council, staff meeting)
- visits into classrooms.

The ESR process will work with the Principal to ensure it will be adhering to the current advice from SA Health and DfE guidelines regarding COVID-19.

Please advise the front office if you **do not** want your child to participate, by 26th February.

If you would like more information please do not hesitate to contact Lia Tedesco on 8301 4800.

Korean Sister School

We were delighted to recently receive gifts from our two sister schools in South Korea: Gimhae Foreign Language High School and Jeil High School.



Our Korean teachers, Seokran Lee, Parky Anderson and Yong-Mi Muirhead, with gifts from Gimhae Foreign Language High School



Seokran Lee, Yong-Mi Muirhead and Parky Anderson with gifts from Jeil High School



Lia Tedesco with a gift from Gimhae Foreign Language High School

Students have valued the ongoing communication and interactions with the students and teachers at these schools over the past 4 years.

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.

Teachers at the School of Languages are highly committed to maintaining effective communication with parents and carers. Email, Edmodo and mobiles are a great way of getting in touch with your child's teacher. To help us improve the school-home partnership we ask that you consider the following points:

- Teachers may not get the opportunity to check messages or emails until some time after they are sent. If you have an urgent message for your child's teacher, please phone our front office staff, (or, for classes at

Adelaide High School, contact the supervisor) who will pass on the message

- Please remember to phone the front office or use Edmodo to notify us if your child is absent or late. If you email your child's teacher, it is likely they will not receive the message in time, resulting in an unexplained absence SMS notification being sent to you
- If you would like to raise an issue with your child's teacher, you are welcome to send a brief email outlining your concerns. Teachers will make a time to talk about the matter in person or over the phone so that the issue can be given the depth of discussion it deserves.

Please refer to the flyer included in this newsletter for notifying absences and contact details.

School Council

This year the Annual General Meeting of the School Council will be held on **Tuesday 23rd March, at 7pm**, at the School of Languages at 255 Torrens Rd, West Croydon. Our guest speaker will be Associate Professor Angela Scarino, Director of the Research Centre for Languages and Cultures at the University of South Australia. She will talk about contemporary international research in Languages education.

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 vacancies in 2021, 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.

Award for Leadership in Languages and Cultures

This Award is provided by the Minister for Education through the Multicultural Education and Languages Committee (MELC). It is administered by the Australia Day Council of South Australia and is presented at the Australia Day Awards Ceremony each year. The award promotes the study of languages and the development of intercultural capabilities. One of the award categories recognises high school students who have shown outstanding commitment to their study of languages and cultures at school, and who seek to advocate for a multilingual and culturally

diverse Australia by fostering engagement in linguistic and cultural diversity.

We are delighted to congratulate David Perry, one of our students of German, who received a special mention. The selection panel was impressed with the high degree to which he met the following selection criteria:

- sound capability in more than one language (David is studying Chinese and Spanish at his school, as well as German at the School of Languages)
- outstanding commitment to the study of languages and cultures
- effective intercultural capabilities
- engagement in linguistic and cultural diversity within the school and/or the broader community



David Perry at the Awards ceremony at Government House, with the Honourable Jing Lee, MLC, Assistant Minister for Multicultural Affairs

SACE Holiday Intensives

Our state government funded SACE holiday program, known as *Let's Talk!* will be offered again for Year 10 – 12 students, during the April holidays, as follows:

- Thursday 15th April: at the School of Languages
- Friday 16th April: at the School of 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. Dates and locations for this year's April school holiday program are as follows:

- Tuesday 13th April: School of Languages
- Wednesday 14th April: School of Languages
- Friday 16th April: School of Languages
- Tuesday 20th April: Pilgrim School, Aberfoyle Park
- Thursday 22nd April: Kangaroo Island School, Kingscote Campus
- Friday 23rd April: Kangaroo Island School, Kingscote Campus

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

Patji Dawes Award

The Patji Dawes Award, administered by the Australian National University's Centre of Excellence for the Dynamics of Language, honours outstanding achievement by an accomplished teacher of Languages in Australia.

For further information on this award, eligibility and the application form, visit: www.dynamicsoflanguage.edu.au

Applications close on 8th March, and the winner will be announced at the Australian Federation of Modern Languages Teachers Association conference in early July in Adelaide.

KEY DATES FOR TERM 1

WEEK 2

- **Classes begin in all centres (week beginning Monday 1st February)**
- **Monday 1st February:** IB Award Ceremony, Adelaide Town Hall
- **Monday 1st February, Tuesday 2nd February, Wednesday 3rd February :** SACE Merit Ceremonies at Government House

WEEK 5

- **Tuesday, 23rd February;** School Council meeting, 7:00pm

WEEK 7

- **Monday 8th March:** Public holiday. All lessons cancelled
- **Monday 8th March:** Nominations close for the Patji Dawes award

WEEK 8

- End of assessment period 1

WEEK 9

- **Tuesday 23th March:** School Council AGM, 7pm

WEEK 10

- External School Review
- **Friday 2nd April:** Good Friday holiday
- **Saturday 3rd April:** Easer Saturday. All lessons cancelled

WEEK 11:

- **Monday 5th April:** Easter Monday holiday. All lessons cancelled
- **Saturday 10th April:** Last day of lessons and of term.

TERM 1 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS:

Monday 12th April – Sunday 25th April

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

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SACE Let's Talk!

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**Tuesday 27th April:
Term 2 commences**



All parents and students are invited to attend the

SCHOOL COUNCIL

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

TUESDAY, 23rd MARCH
7:00 pm

CONFERENCE ROOM
255 TORRENS RD, WEST CROYDON

GUEST SPEAKER:
Associate Professor Angela Scarino
Director, Research Centre for Languages and Cultures
University of South Australia

**Contemporary research in Languages education:
international perspectives**

RSVP not required.



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Parents/Caregivers, if your student will be absent or late please contact the school.

For students at **ALL Teaching Centres**, you can

PHONE: 8301 4800 Monday – Friday: 8.30am - 3.30pm
Saturday: 8.30am – 12.00pm

If calling out of hours a message can be left on the answering machine.

or

EMAIL: Your student's teacher directly (email at the top of the Lesson Plan) or
dl.1802.admin@schools.sa.edu.au
Before 4.00pm, if possible

or

SMS: Text only absence notification: **0418 149 916**
Monday - Friday before 4.00pm

For students at **Adelaide High School only**, you can also

PHONE: 0403 607 566 Monday – Thursday: 4.30pm – 6.00pm
To speak to the AHS supervisor

or

EMAIL: ahs.supervisors460@schools.sa.edu.au
Before 4.00pm, if possible

For students at **School of Languages only**, you can also

EMAIL: Sol.Supervisors218@schools.sa.edu.au
Before 4.00pm, if possible

Extended Student Absence

If it is known that a student will be absent for more than three lessons (e.g. family holiday, overseas trip) parents/caregivers need to seek permission in writing from the Principal for an Extended Student Absence, prior to the absence.

Parent/Student Emergency Contact Procedure

In the event of an emergency during lesson time, please use the following procedure:

- For classes held at **Adelaide High School** only:
 - phone the Supervisor at **Adelaide High School** on 0403 607 566
- For classes held at **other Teaching Centres** only:
 - phone the School of Languages on 8301 8400 until 4:30pm, and the school will contact the appropriate Teaching Centre.
 - phone the Supervisor at Adelaide High School on 0403 607 566 after 4:30pm, and the Supervisor will contact the appropriate Teaching Centre.

LEADERSHIP TEAM

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Nepali:	Jai Bhandari, Mohan Gautam, Lok Poudyel
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