

## Who are we?

The School of Languages is a government school established 36 years ago. We offer 23 languages after school hours, in 30 different locations around the metropolitan area, to over 2,000 students from all schooling sectors.

Our aim is to enhance access, choice and continuity in language learning for South Australian learners.

Our programs complement and supplement languages programs offered in mainstream schools and ethnic schools.

## Why enrol?

- ◆ Courses offered out-of-school hours without clashing with your day school's timetable.
- ◆ End of Term reports sent home and to your day school.
- ◆ The more languages you learn the better job opportunities you'll have in the future.

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## ***Why learn Australian Languages?***

There are many reasons to learn Aboriginal Languages:

- ◇ They alone are the original languages of the Country.
- ◇ It enables Aboriginal students to access education in and about their languages, as enshrined in the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous peoples.
- ◇ It enhances development of wider recognition and understanding of the languages, cultures, Countries and Places of Aboriginal students, and contributes to learning achievements and wellbeing.
- ◇ It develops a strong sense of identity, pride and self-esteem in all students.
- ◇ It provides intellectual challenges and a means of understanding the relationship between land, environment and people, for all students.
- ◇ It contributes to the revival and maintenance of the languages, and to national Reconciliation.

*Adapted from:*

<https://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/f-10-curriculum/languages/framework-for-aboriginal-languages-and-Torres-strait-islander-languages/>

## ***About Pitjantjatjara***

Pitjantjatjara is one of a group of over 30 closely related languages collectively referred to as the single, Western Desert language, with around 5000 speakers. The language is still being transmitted between generations as a first language.

Today, Pitjantjatjara and Yankunytjatjara people live in the SA Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands and other Western Desert communities of Alice Springs, Coober Pedy, Port Augusta, the west coast of SA, and Adelaide.

Pitjantjatjara, like all Indigenous Australian languages, has a complex and elegant grammar and a culturally, environmentally and kinship specialised vocabulary. It is spoken by all generations as the language of daily interactions while at the same time being an endangered language. In learning Pitjantjatjara at the School of Languages all students in the second language learning pathway will not only start or continue learning to communicate in grammatically and culturally appropriate ways but will also begin to understand something of the richness, variety, complexity and contemporary relevance of the broader Indigenous linguistic heritage of Australia.

Pitjantjatjara and Yankunytjatjara share a well-researched dictionary and other online and print sources of cultural and environmental information. Each has a published grammar. Written traditions date from the 1940s with the establishment of the Ernabella mission. The shared spelling system is easy to master although the primary form remains in oral discourse. Verbal art includes highly-developed forms of rhetoric, story-telling, songs and sung epics, and styles of kinship-based respect and deference.

## ***Where are lessons held?***

<b>Stage 1/2</b>	<b>School of Languages</b> Wednesday, 5:00 - 8:00pm
<b>Adult Students</b>	<b>School of Languages</b> Wednesday, 5:30 - 8:00pm

## ***Adult students***

Australian Languages at the School of Languages are open to adult students. Please refer to the website for information related to Adult enrolments.

## ***SACE – Australian Languages (Stages 1 & 2)***

The Pitjantjatjara course is part of the Australian Languages Subject Outline. This program can cater for those students who have no background in the language and for those who have some. There are no prerequisites. At SACE Stage 2 level, Pitjantjatjara can be taken as a 10 or 20-credit sequence.

## ***How are courses delivered?***

The School of Languages offers year long courses beginning in February and following school terms. Classes are held once per week.

## ***How do I enrol?***

Enrolment forms available from the School of Languages website:

[www.schooloflanguages.sa.edu.au](http://www.schooloflanguages.sa.edu.au)

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us on **PH: 8301 4800**.

## ***How much does it cost?***

The following annual charges apply:

Stage 1 and 2 SACE	\$150
All other Adults	\$350