

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

**Lia Tedesco**

2021 has been our 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary year; and what an exceptional year it has been, thanks to the dedication and commitment of the staff and Council members!

In October, the Department for Education published an article about our school. Click on the link to read it:

[School of Languages' record-breaking year \(education.sa.gov.au\)](https://www.education.sa.gov.au/School_of_Languages_record-breaking_year)

As you may be aware, our annual Celebration of Achievement did not take place at Bonython Hall again this year. In its' place, we have acknowledged our award winners on our school website. Please click on the link below, where you will find short videoclips of the Minister for Education, the Hon John Gardner, MP; our School Council Chairperson, Dr Margareta Rebelos; and our Student Council Chairperson, Lachlan Perry; together with the names of the award winners.

<https://schooloflanguages.sa.edu.au/>

A recent Cambridge University study has found that young people who consider themselves multilingual tend to perform better across a wide range of subjects at school, regardless of whether they are actually fluent in another language. The study of more than 800 students in England found a measurable, positive relationship between their personal connection with other languages, and their GCSE exam results in both modern language and non-language subjects. This applied whether or not they actually spoke a second language fluently. Please click on the link for further information:

[https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2021/11/211111080343.htm?utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=email](https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2021/11/211111080343.htm?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=email)

We are now taking enrolments for 2022. You will find our timetables and enrolment information on our school website at [www.schooloflanguages.sa.edu.au](http://www.schooloflanguages.sa.edu.au); or ring us on 8301 4800.

Please note that the school office will be closed from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December to Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January.

Lessons will commence in the week beginning Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February.

Please note that I will be on leave in Terms One and Two next year.

I wish all students, parents and the School of Languages broader community a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

## FAREWELL TO STAFF

We recently farewelled the following teachers:

- Piero Barazin (French, Italian)
- Craig Bowyer (French)
- Neven Daoud (Arabic, French)
- Peter Deng (Dinka)
- Jonny Daughtry (Indonesian)
- Francoise Finlayson (French)
- Joaquin Giner Correas (Spanish)
- Viviana Gonzalez Gil (Italian, Spanish)
- Danni Lu (Chinese)
- Claudia Montiel Villagri (Spanish)
- Ellis Robb (Indonesian)
- Pam Saengsawang (Thai)
- Salwa Tawadrous (Arabic)
- Julian Trudinger (Indonesian)

And we celebrated the retirement of three long standing teachers:

- Dido Durmanovic, who has been teaching Bosnian with us since 2005

- Sokho Chau, who has been teaching Khmer with us since 2001
- Yok Le Ly, who has been teaching Khmer at our school since 1994!

We thank them for their contributions to our students and to our school; and we wish them all well in their future endeavours!

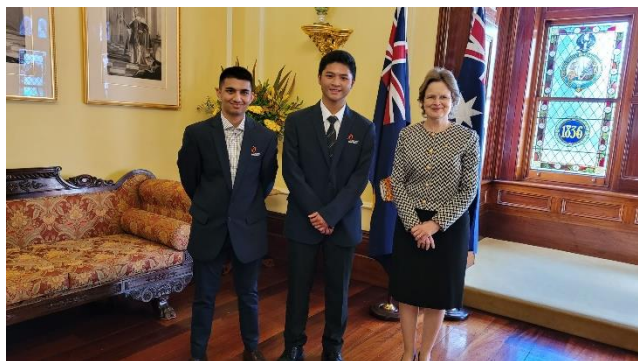
### GOVERNOR'S RECEPTION

In Term 4, two of our Year 12 students attended the Governor's Reception at Government House, with the new Governor, of South Australia, Ms Frances Adamson. Minh Huy Nguyen, (student of Vietnamese) and Shail Shah (student of Hindi), enjoyed representing the School of Languages at this event.

*"I found the Governor's reception a great experience. To have a conversation with the Governor of South Australia was a very big moment for me. Her Excellency told me how important and useful learning a second language was. I was awestruck after having a tour of Government House, it was truly beautiful.*

*Furthermore, hearing speeches from the Education Minister and Her Excellency, to the entire group, really inspired me. They emphasised the importance us youngsters have for South Australia and gave us a brief overview about the future of our state and industries that were being developed. Overall, I really enjoyed this great experience and was glad to receive such an opportunity.*

Shail Shah



**Shail Shah, Minh Huy Nguyen and the Governor of S.A., Ms Frances Adamson**

*"My experience at Government House for Secondary School Student Representatives with Her Excellency the Honorable Frances Adamson AC, the Governor of South Australia.*

*I really enjoyed her speech about her childhood, her education, her leadership roles and how she was appointed to be the Governor of South Australia.*

*It was truly a great pleasure for me to attend the function on the day and have a direct conversation with Her Excellency about our current situation as a year 12 student and briefly on how Government House will be running under her authority.*

*I also listened to Mr. John Gardner, Minister for Education's speech on some of the important points for year 12 and how leadership roles are important for students' future careers.*

*Overall, being able to meet the Governor face-to-face was a very special event that I have never dreamt of, and I would like to say thanks to School of Languages for giving me this amazing opportunity to meet the new Governor of South Australia and listen to her inspirational stories."*  
Minh Huy Nguyen

### STUDENT COUNCIL MEMBERS CELEBRATION!

Members of our Student Council recently celebrated the end of Year 12 exams at a Spanish restaurant.



**Lachlan Perry, Heitor Andrade, Valeria Caceres-Galvez, Andrea Rodriguez Garcia, Tomas (Tom) Webster, Elias Piñero-Ritchie**

### OPERA EXCURSION

On Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November the students of **Italian** attended the final dress rehearsal of Rossini's opera of **Barber of Seville** at Her Majesty's Theatre. It was a fantastic evening. The performances, music, choreography and sets were amazing! All the students loved it. It was their first opera.

All together a wonderful evening!



***Giada Colangelo, Alessia Colangelo, Brianna LaCanale Parente and Isabella Roscioli at the opera!***

### EDUCATORS SA AWARD



Jonny Daughtry, one of our teachers of Indonesian, was recently recognised at the Educators Award ceremony! Well done Jonny!

### FRENCH COMPETITION

Some of our Year 11 students recently participated in the Annual Alliance Francaise competition. Congratulations to Charlotte Muffett, who came third with a score of 38.5/40. Well done Charlotte!!



### KIDZ CLUB

Kidz Club Educational Centre offers children aged 3 & 1/2 yrs to 5 yrs, a daily trilingual linguistic program learning French, Barnjarla (Indigenous Australian language) and English.

The centre has 32 children participating in the program each year following a curriculum that offers a steady flow of diverse subjects and activities with an emphasis on having fun with their French, Indigenous and English languages during their two-hour lesson each day.

Field trip excursions are included in the program to enhance the second language learning experience and provide the children with much fun and enjoyment.

The Early Learning Languages Australia series of French-language Apps are incorporated into the daily French program.

For further information please visit Kidz Club Website: <http://kidzclub.com.au/>

And follow them on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/people/Kidz-Club/100008563157954/>



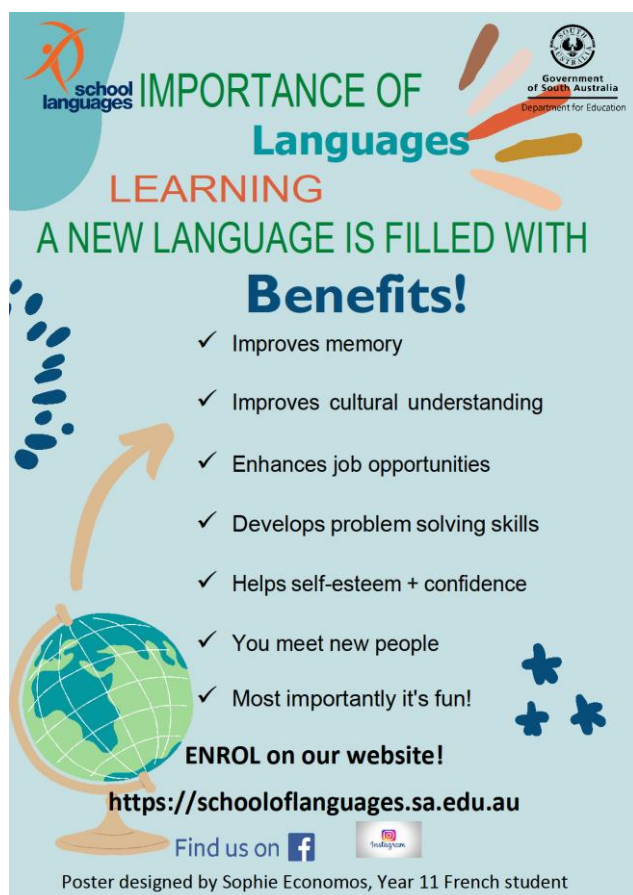
## WELL DONE SOPHIE!

A big thank you to Sophie Economos, one of our Year 11 French students and member of our Student Council, for designing an outstanding languages promotional poster.



It captures beautifully all the benefits of learning a language and promotes the value of languages education for all.

We think it's so fabulous that the School is having multiple copies framed as Christmas gifts for our key partner schools!



## MEETING WITH KEY STAKEHOLDERS

On Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November we invited the presidents of the Languages Teachers Associations and the Department for Education's Community Liaison Officers to an end of year event, to thank them for their support.

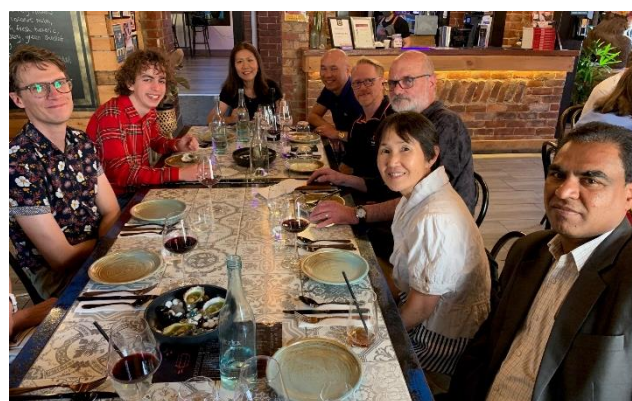
The evening included acknowledgement of the significant growth of the school over the past 35 years, with enrolments in 2021 reaching an all time high of 2160 students in 23 languages!

Guests enjoyed networking with each other and watching the videos that are now on our school website, of the Minister for Education and our School Council chairperson, Dr Margareta Rebelos, congratulating our 2021 award winners.



## SCHOOL COUNCIL END OF YEAR DINNER

School Council members, after meeting online throughout the year, celebrated their final meeting with a dinner on 30<sup>th</sup> November at Lantern by Nu. Craig Bowyer, long time Council member as a parent representative and staff representative, was farewelled and acknowledged for the significant contribution he has made to the school.



**Henrik Wallgren (Treasurer, Secretary and Japanese parent rep), Lachlan Perry (student rep), Chharida Mann (Khmer parent rep), Thorl Chea (Khmer parent rep), Matt Brown (Japanese parent rep), Herbert Schwarz (Chinese parent rep), Kazuko Glass (Modern Language Teachers Assoc rep) and Adireddy Yara (Minister's Multicultural and Languages Education Committee rep)**





*from everyone at*

