

## TERM 1 2022

### Message from the new Principal –Ms Lee Knight



I wish to introduce myself to you all as the new Principal of the School of Languages. My appointment is temporary, Until July 2022 at this stage, whilst Lia is on extended leave.

I extend a very warm welcome to all members of the school community for the 2022 school year; and a particularly warm welcome to students and parents who have joined the school for the first time.

This year, like the last 2 years, we are working through the challenges that Covid-19 presents. You will be aware that this has changed how classes will be delivered for the start of the year. However, I am confident in the skills of my teaching staff that your child will still receive a high-quality language education.

Last year's excellent SACE results, despite a Covid interrupted year, are testament to the resilience and flexibility shown by our school community. Read more about these results below.

### 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.

**SACE:** 265 students in total completed a SACE Stage 2 language; 99% of our students achieved a passing grade, C- or above, with 92% of them achieving an A or B:

- 53% achieved an A grade
- 39% achieved a B grade

An incredible 24 students, or 9%, achieved an A+ grade. This is a credit to these students, their family support and their teachers at the School of Languages as this is 5% above the state average for A+ grades.

The following students deserve a special mention for receiving an A+ with Merit, meaning they have achieved exceptional achievement in the subject. Due to Covid, the Merit Ceremony at Government House has been postponed till a later date this year.

Mia Jarvis	Indonesian (continuers)
Kimia Birami	Persian (continuers)
Oliver Bogusz	Polish (continuers)
Valeria Caceres Galvez	Spanish (continuers)
Jumana El-Masry	Arabic (continuers)
Tran Ho	Vietnamese (background speakers)
Nguyen Huynh	Vietnamese (background speakers)
Ruxin Jiang	Chinese (background speakers)
Yeeun Kim	Korean (continuers)
Hinako Otsuka	Japanese (continuers)
Amanda Tran	Vietnamese (continuers)
Trishna Subba	Language & Culture

**International Baccalaureate (IB):** Last year there were 31 year 12 students who studied a Diploma level IB language course with us. A perfect score of 7 was achieved by 8 of them; and another 11 achieved a near perfect score of 6. We would like to congratulate the following students who achieved a perfect score of 7 in the IB.

Noa Dennis	Japanese
Kian Esmail Zadeh	Japanese
Kyogo Sakai	Japanese
Mari Ihara-Lim	Japanese
Ted Jin	Korean
Samadhi Chandrasena	Spanish
Victoria Thorp	Spanish
Alfonso Lopez	Spanish

## Term Dates 2022

This year the term dates are as follows:

### Term 1 begins:

- 7 Feb – Yr 11/12 classes commence online.
- 14 Feb - R-10 classes commence online.
- 21 Feb - All classes commence face-to-face

Thursday 14 April - Term 1 classes end

**Term 2:** Mon 2 May – Sat 9 July

**Term 3:** Mon 25 July – Sat 1 Oct

**Term 4:** Mon 17 October – Sat 10 Dec for last day of classes for R – 10 classes.

- Last day of classes for Year 11 students is Sat 3 Dec
- 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.

## Languages Offered in 2022

We are really excited about being able to offer 23 languages this year, many of these from reception to Year 12 (R-12) including in both SACE and IB.

Please find below the full list of Languages on offer this year and which year levels they are available in. If your child would like to consider studying an additional language there is still room in some classes.

Afrikaans- R-12	Japanese R-12
Arabic R-12	Khmer R-12
Auslan R-12	Korean R-12
Bosnian 7-12	Nepali R-12
Chinese R-12	Persian 7-12
Croatian 7-12	Pitjantjatjara 11-12
French R-12	Polish 7-12
German 7-12	Punjabi R-12
Hindi R-12	Serbian 7-12
Indonesian 7-12	Spanish R-12
Italian R-12	Thai R-8
	Vietnamese R-12

For a full list of times and venues see our school timetable on our website at [www.schooloflanguages.sa.edu.au](http://www.schooloflanguages.sa.edu.au)

## Parent/Caregiver Information Sessions

This year, due to Covid, we have cancelled our face-to-face 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.

## School Council- Annual General Meeting (AGM)

This year the School Council AGM will be held on **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, at 7pm, Online via Teams.**

All members of the school community are warmly invited and encouraged to attend. Guest speakers will be Angela Scarino, UniSA and Michelle Kohler, will present: "Assessment by design: bringing about change in practice". We will be partnering with them 2022-2024 to provide professional development to leaders and teachers.

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 2022, and you are invited to attend the AGM and consider nominating, to support the school through this important committee. For further information or to nominate do not hesitate to contact the principal.

## Student Council – Chair Nominations 2022

In 2021 the newly formed School of Languages (SoL) Student Council was expertly lead by Lachlan Perry, the elected Chair. This student council enhanced student voice and involvement in the life of the School.

Given that Lachlan has finished his studies with the School of Languages, the position of Chair is open to be filled in 2022. Current Council members have been invited to complete Expressions of Interest by March if they would like to take on this important student leadership role.

## 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 and via your child's TEAMS account is 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 sometime 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 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.**

### Let's Talk!

Our state government funded SACE holiday program, known as *Let's Talk!* will be offered again for secondary students, during the April holidays. 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 19 April: School of Languages
- Wednesday 20 April: School of Languages
- Tuesday 26 April: Charles Campbell College
- Thursday 28 April: Streaky Bay Area School
- Friday 29 April: Ceduna Area School

Further details will be available on our website once any Covid restrictions are identified, with registrations through Ticketebo.



### Staff Celebrations

#### Recent Higher Education Graduates:

During the recent holidays two staff members successfully graduated with a Masters of Education from Flinders University after many years of rigorous study.

Lee Knight, Principal,  
Master of Education,  
Leadership and  
Management

Ben Anderson, Leader,  
Master of Education, Languages Education

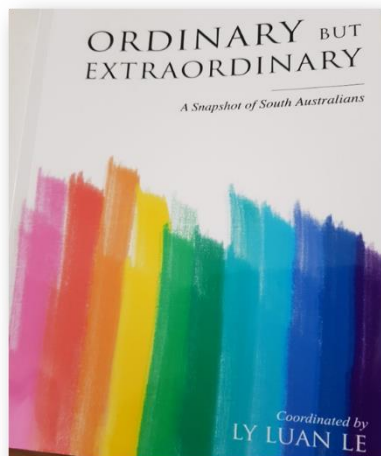
They look forward to sharing this commitment to lifelong learning and bringing their expertise to the school community.





**Published Author: Ly Le**

Ly, our Vietnamese teacher, has completed his second book. The book is titled "Ordinary but Extraordinary- A Snapshot of South Australians". The book reflects resilience at different levels among 11 South Australian stories.



*'Enjoy the stories of our resilient South Australians who have made life a meaningful and enriching experience while contributing to their communities in many different ways.'*

Dr. Peter Steidl

**New parent: Steve Milazzo**

Many of you will have been greeted by, or been sent emails from, Steve Milazzo in reception. He is on parenting leave this term having celebrated the birth of his little boy Darcy Phillips-Milazzo, born late last year. Teresa Matthews will be taking your enquires, in Steve's place, during term 1.

**KEY DATES FOR TERM 1****WEEK 2**

- Classes begin Year 11/12 online

**WEEK 3**

- Classes begin R-10 online

**WEEK 4**

- All classes begin face to face

**WEEK 5**

- **Tuesday, 22 February;** School Council meeting, 7:00pm – On Teams

**WEEK 7**

- **Monday 14 March:** Public holiday. All lessons cancelled

**WEEK 8**

- End of assessment period 1
- **Tuesday 22 March** – School Council AGM, 7pm, On teams

**WEEK 10**

- **Saturday 9 April** Last week of Saturday classes

**WEEK 11:**

- **Thursday 14 April:** Last day of lessons and of term.
- **Friday 15 April** Good Friday

**TERM 1 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS:**

**Monday 14 April – Sunday 1 May**

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

**Let's Talk!**

- Thursday 15 April: School of Languages
- Friday 16 April: School of Languages

**Languages Alive!**

- Tuesday 19 April: School of Languages
- Wednesday 20 April: School of Languages
- Tuesday 26 April: Charles Campbell College
- Thursday 28 April: Streaky Bay Area School
- Friday 29 April: Ceduna Area School

**Monday 2 May**

**Term 2 commences**



All parents and students are invited to attend the

**SCHOOL COUNCIL**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**TUESDAY, 22 MARCH**

**7:00 pm**

**On Teams**

**Guest Speakers:**

**Associate Professor Angela Scarino and Dr Michelle Kohler  
Assessment by design: Bringing about change in practice**

*Meeting link will be sent out via text message on March 22.*

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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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**

Principal:	Lee Knight
Assistant Principals:	
Public Relations	Maribel Coffey
Teaching & Learning	Dr Michelle Kohler
Student & Staff Services	Anne Reuter
Leaders:	Ben Anderson Matthew Brown Noelia Carvajal-Balbin Halina Pietrzak Ivana Quadrelli Sonia Zocchi
Business Manager:	Shaun Ryan

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## **LANGUAGES & TEACHING STAFF 2022**

Afrikaans:	Jacoliene Roux
Arabic:	Ehab Sorial, Nermine Wahba
Auslan	Sophia Borick, Charanjit Kaur
Bosnian:	Dzenana Draganovic
Chinese:	Wendy Deng, Lee Lin, Yuhan Liu, Karen Wang, Qiqi Xie, Mai Xie, Miao Yu, Shohret Yusoph, Lan Zhang, Yuwei Zhang, Mingjun Zhuo
Croatian:	Ljubica Price-Simic
French:	Bibbiana DePasquale, Jenny Ditillo, Mary Smallwood, Hanaa Zebian
German:	Ben Anderson, Erik Brasse
Hindi:	Tajinder Kaur, Amita Malhotra
Indonesian:	Bintang Butar Butar, Daniel Micklem
Italian:	Bibbiana DePasquale, Teresa Vaccaro, Sonia Zocchi
Japanese:	Eri Brown, Matthew Brown, Abby D, Chizuru Lock, Barb Smith, Ayako Uchikawa
Khmer:	Chimao Kang, Chharida Mann, Vannak Mey, Sreymom Sun, Seka Tith
Korean:	Parky Anderson, Seokran Lee, Yong-Mi Muirhead
Nepali:	Jai Bhandari, Mohan Gautam, Lok Poudyel
Persian:	Amir Alikhani, Marjan Sobhani
Pitjantjatjara:	Mike Haynes
Polish:	Gosia Sztolc
Punjabi:	Anapreet Kaur, Tajinder Kaur
Serbian:	Ana Nedeljkovic- Brankovic
Spanish:	Alicia Alfaro, Jamie Antezana Navarro, Noelia Carvajal-Balbin, Maggie Dodd, Flor Groenen, Lorena Pineda Gonzalez, Ivana Quadrelli, Patricia Rosales
Thai:	Rinyaphat (Rin) Bayne, Jitranutch (Nuch) Saendi
Vietnamese:	Le Ly, Vy Hoang, Phuong Ngo

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## **SUPPORT STAFF**

Office Staff:	Teresa Matthews, Thorl Chea, Jenny Ivchenko, Kerrin White, Steve Milazzo
IT Technicians:	Nisha Prarod, Rita Evdokiou