

TERM 1 2023

Message from the Principal – Lia Tedesco

I extend a very warm welcome to all members of the school community for the 2023 school year; and a particularly warm welcome to students and parents who have joined the school for the first time.

We are really excited about being able to offer 22 languages this year, many of these from Reception to Year 12 (R-12).

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

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- 6
Japanese R-12	Vietnamese R-12

A reminder that adults can enrol in both Auslan and Pitjantjatjara; so, if you are interested in enrolling do not hesitate to contact our front office or visit our website.

For a full list of times and venues for all our courses, see our school timetable on our website at www.schooloflanguages.sa.edu.au

You will also find a video on our school website with information about our school, and what it means for students to learn a language with us – we encourage you to watch the video.

You may also wish to follow us, like us and share on Facebook and Instagram!

Year 12 Results

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

SACE: 245 students in total completed a SACE Stage 2 language; with 98% of our students achieving a passing grade of C- or above, and 89% of them achieving an A or B:

- 52% achieved an A grade.
- 37% achieved a B grade.

The following students deserve a special mention for receiving an A+ with Merit:

Patel Trisha Sanjay	Auslan Continuers
Rao Anushka	Hindi Continuers
Eva Wilde	Indonesian Continuers
Unish Basnet	Nepali Language and Culture
Laura Catalina Pinto	Spanish Continuers
Ngoc My Bui	Vietnamese (background speakers)
Nguyen Tong Tran	Vietnamese (background speakers)

International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma: Last year there were 27 year 12 students who studied an IB Diploma level language course with us. A perfect score of 7 was achieved by 8 of them; and another 9 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.

German:

- Jakob Struve
- Caitlin West

Japanese:

- Julius Haruto Philip

Spanish:

- Melissa Campbell
- Sadie Conlon
- Claire Marie Grosser
- Tara Roberts
- Grace Dwyer

Our Year 12 Merit winners



Unish Basnet, Nepali Language and Culture Merit award winner

Unish Basnet, recipient of the Nepali Award of Excellence last year; and recipient of a SACE Merit award for a perfect score in Year 12 Nepali, has this to say about his experience at the School of Languages:

First, I would like to extend my thanks to the School of Languages for providing the opportunity for me to learn about my language and culture as part of a SACE subject. My teachers have played a crucial role in my learning and throughout the years I have been successful in expanding my knowledge of Nepali language, culture, literature, art, and more. Throughout my time as a student, I had challenges along the way, nonetheless, I am extremely satisfied with my journey as I have learned vital skills which will be important towards my academics. I am exceptionally pleased to have received the Award of Excellence and a merit in Year 12 which have motivated me to strive high for the future. I highly encourage all students to enrol at the School of Languages as it will provide various opportunities to grow as a student and as a person.

Thank you.

Term Dates 2023

This year the term dates are as follows:

Term 1

Most classes start week beginning Monday 6th February. The exceptions are notified via SMS.

Monday 13th March: Public Holiday; all classes cancelled.

Friday 7th April to Monday 11th April: Easter holidays; all classes cancelled.

End of Term 1: Saturday 15th April

Term 2: Monday 1st May – Saturday 8th July

Term 3: Monday 24th July – Saturday 30th September

Term 4: Monday 16th October – Saturday 9th December for last day of classes for R – 10 classes.

Last day of classes for Year 11 students is week ending Saturday 2nd December.

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.

School of Languages Governing Council- Annual General Meeting (AGM)

This year the Governing Council AGM will be held on **Tuesday 28th March, at 7pm.**

The meeting will be held online through Teams. Please refer to the flyer elsewhere in this newsletter.

All members of the school community are warmly invited and encouraged to attend. Guest speaker will be Ms Adriana Christopoulos, Chair of the South Australian Multicultural Commission, who will speak about the government's new Charter for Multiculturalism.

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 several vacancies in 2023, 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. Please note that nominations are due to the Principal by Wednesday 22nd March. If interested, please email Lia.Tedesco771@schools.sa.edu.au for further information and a nomination form.

Student Council

In 2022 the School of Languages Student Council was expertly led by Kate Dospisil, the elected Chair. Congratulations to Kate for the magnificent job she did as the Master of Ceremonies for our 2022 Celebration of Achievement.

Given that Kate has finished her studies with our School, the position of Chair is open to be filled in 2023. Students in Years 10 – 12 will soon be invited to complete an Expression of Interest to join the Student Council.

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 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, they may 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.

Statement on Purpose of Public Education

The Department for Education in South Australia is developing a Statement on the Purpose of Public Education, in consultation with students, parents, staff and community members. This statement will define how public education develops over the next decade and will impact all schools in SA over time. This work began last year with a series of student forums across the state. This term the consultation is expanding, and you will be kept informed of opportunities for input.

Let's Talk!

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

- **Tuesday 18th April:** School of Languages (West Croydon)
- **Wednesday 19th April:** School of Languages (West Croydon)

Participants will develop their speaking skills through highly interactive and engaging experiences in Chinese, French, German, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese and Spanish. Further information will be available soon on our website.

Here are some snapshots of students enjoying the **Let's Talk!** program in 2022:



Languages Alive!

This year we will once again be offering *Languages Alive!* a very popular and exciting holiday program of language and cultural experiences for primary aged children. This program is also funded through the State Government. Dates and locations for this year's April school holiday program are as follows:

- **Tuesday 18th April:** School of Languages (West Croydon)
- **Wednesday 19th April:** School of Languages (West Croydon)
- **Thursday 20th April:** Bridgewater Primary School
- **Thursday 27th April:** Berri Primary School
- **Friday 28th April:** Auburn Primary School

Further details will be available on our website, with registrations through Ticketebo. Limited places available so get in early to avoid disappointment!

Students having fun with languages in one of the 2022 programs:



KEY DATES FOR TERM 1

WEEK 2

- Most classes begin. The exceptions are notified via SMS.
- **Thursday 9th February, 6:00pm:** Punjabi Information session at Valley View High School

WEEK 5

- **Tuesday, 28th February:** School Council meeting, 7:00pm, on Teams

WEEK 7

- **Monday 13th March:** Public holiday. All lessons cancelled.

WEEK 8

- End of assessment period 1

WEEK 9

- **Tuesday 28th March** – School Council AGM, 7:00pm, on Teams

WEEK 10

- **Saturday 8th April (Easter Saturday):** all classes cancelled.

WEEK 11:

- **Monday 10th April (Easter Monday):** all classes cancelled.
- **Saturday 15th April:** Last day of term.

TERM 1 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS:

Monday 17th April – Sunday 30th April

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

Let's Talk!

- **Tuesday 18th April:** School of Languages
- **Wednesday 19th April:** School of Languages
-

Languages Alive!

- **Tuesday 18th April:** School of Languages
- **Wednesday 19th April:** School of Languages
- **Thursday 20th April:** Bridgewater Primary School
- **Thursday 27th April:** Berri Primary School
- **Friday 28th April:** Auburn Primary School

Monday 1st May
Term 2 commences

School of Languages Staff 2023

LEADERSHIP TEAM

Principal:	Lia Tedesco
Assistant Principals:	
Public Relations	Maribel Coffey
Teaching & Learning	Dr Michelle Kohler
Student & Staff Services	Anne Reuter
Co-Ordinators:	Ben Anderson Matthew Brown Noelia Carvajal-Balbin Halina Pietrzak (Flor Rangel Weeks 1-4) Danielle Popovic Sonia Zocchi
Business Manager:	Shaun Ryan
IT Manager:	Ari Bickley

TEACHING STAFF 2023

Arabic:	Majeda Rizk
Auslan:	Sophia Borick, Charanjit Kaur, Alison Kennedy
Bosnian:	Dzenana Draganovic
Chinese:	Wendy Deng, Andy Hu, Lee Lin, Karen Wang, Qiqi Xie, Shohret Yusoph, Yuan Zhu, Mingjun Zhuo
Croatian:	Anamarija Cosic
French:	Tess Amini, Bibbiana DePasquale, Jenny Ditillo, Ayoub Hassine, Danielle Popovic
German:	Kim Bennett, Erik Brasse,
Hindi:	Tajinder Kaur, Amita Malhotra
Indonesian:	Daniel Micklem, Ellis Robb, Billy Setiawan
Italian:	Bibbiana DePasquale, Lucia Gentilcore, Teresa Vaccaro, Sonia Zocchi
Japanese:	Eri Brown, Matthew Brown, Mayumi Hew, Chizuru Lock, Kerri Ridley, Barb Smith, Ayako Uchikawa
Khmer:	Chimao Kang, Vannak Mey, Sreymom Sun, Seka Tith
Korean:	Parky Anderson, Seokran Lee, Yong-Mi Muirhead
Nepali:	Jai Bhandari, Mohan Gautam, Lok Poudyel
Persian:	Marjan Sobhani
Pitjantjatjara:	Mike Haynes
Polish:	Halina Pietrzak, Gosia Sztolc
Punjabi:	Anapreet Kaur, Satwinder Kaur, Tajinder Kaur
Serbian:	Ana Nedeljkovic- Brankovic
Spanish:	Jamie Antezana Navarro, Noelia Carvajal-Balbin, Marta Montero Lomas, Flor Groenen Rangel, Patricia Rosales
Thai:	Rinyaphat (Rin) Bayne, Jitranutch (Nuch) Saendi
Vietnamese:	Le Ly, Phuong Ngo, Min Nguyen

SUPPORT STAFF

Office Staff:	Thorl Chea, Jenny Ivchenko, Teresa Matthews, Steve Milazzo
---------------	--



All parents/carers and students are invited to attend the

GOVERNING COUNCIL

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

TUESDAY, 28th MARCH

7:00 pm

Online via Teams

GUEST SPEAKER:

Ms Adriana Christopoulos

Chair: South Australian Multicultural Commission

To register for online participation via Teams please contact Teresa Matthews at Teresa.Matthews546@schools.sa.edu.au, prior to 22nd March.



Government of South Australia
Department for Education

Respect • Quality • Commitment • Diversity

Parents/Carers, 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 Admin Support Person

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/carers 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 Admin Support Person 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 Admin Support Person at Adelaide High School on 0403 607 566 after 4:30pm, and they will contact the appropriate Teaching Centre.