



# *Prospectus*

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## Who we are

The School of Languages is a government school that specialises in languages education. Since its establishment in 1986, this unique South Australian school has supported thousands of students to pursue their interest in languages learning and to experience the joy of embracing another culture.

The school was initially founded as a secondary school for students from all three sectors. In 2011 the school introduced classes for primary students.

Over the years, these classes have grown in popularity and demand.

## Our mission

The School of Languages aims to enhance access, choice and continuity in language learning for South Australian learners, through the provision of quality programs in a broad range of languages R-12, that complement and supplement languages programs offered in mainstream schools and community language schools.



## Our values

■ *Respect*

■ *Quality*

■ *Diversity*

■ *Commitment*



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“ My background culture is Italian and I really want to talk to my nonni in Australia and Italy in Italian language. At School of Languages I like to write about things and make new friends. ”

Student of Italian

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## Our unique context

Students from Government, Catholic and Independent schools join the School of Languages to have access to learning languages that may not be available in their home schools. The lessons are offered after school hours once every week.

We ensure a friendly environment of committed professionals and motivated students. This provides for a sustained focus and time for extending students' language learning through a wide range of activities.

## Teaching centres

Our classes are held in schools across Adelaide, with Adelaide High School and the School of Languages (Croydon) being our largest centres. We have more than 20 other Teaching Centres which offer a variety of languages at various year levels, in response to local demand.

We give special acknowledgement and appreciation to the many schools across Adelaide that host our programs, thus enabling students and their families to benefit from learning a language.

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“ I travel regularly to Ceduna and the APY Lands for work, so I get to try out my Pitjantjatjara with Anangu patients. They like to correct my pronunciation but they appreciate my effort! In class I'm enjoying the songs, translating stories, the conversation work and meeting people from different backgrounds. ”

**Adult learner of Pitjantjatjara**

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## Choosing to learn a language

Studying another language offers many rewards, including:

- being able to communicate, interact and share meanings within and across languages and cultures
- developing the capability to engage with diverse people, ways of knowing, being and doing; and reflecting on themselves in the process
- developing literacy skills in the language being learned and in English, through deepening their understanding of how language/s work
- further developing cognitive skills through thinking critically and analytically, solving problems, and making connections in learning
- becoming engaged in the world and more competitive in the global job market.





## Community partnerships

The School of Languages is proud of its strong relationships with many schools, organisations, universities and language-specific communities. These partnerships have resulted in its steady growth over the years.

## Celebration of student success

Our teachers are passionate about the language/s they teach and committed to supporting their students to achieve their very best. This is evident in our exceptional Year 12 results, and in the positive feedback that we regularly receive from students, parents and schools.

Students are formally recognised for their commitment and achievement at the end of each term through Principal's Awards.

At the annual Celebration of Achievement held at the end of the year, nominated students are formally and publicly recognised by the School and community representatives through a range of awards including: Outstanding Academic Achievement, Community Award and Award of Excellence.



## Special programs

The School of Languages offers a number of special programs throughout the year which are open to students from other South Australian schools. We offer a government funded holiday initiative called Languages Alive!; a holiday languages experience for Reception to Year 6 students; and Let's Talk!; an intensive, interactive oral program for secondary students. A long-standing offering is our Vacation School, an intensive exam preparation program held in the holidays each year. The School of Languages offers a range of Study Tours. These have included trips to Germany, Italy, Japan, Korea, New Caledonia and Spain. We are looking forward to beginning these again in the near future.



## Languages taught





A wide range of languages is taught, from Reception to Year 12. The full list of language courses and programs can be found at [www.schooloflanguages.sa.edu.au](http://www.schooloflanguages.sa.edu.au)

# Open the door to the world

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