2017 Languages Program
Country and Regional

For Students in Years 1-12 (VCE)

*Centre face-to-face classes
*Certificate in Language Courses
*Distance Education
*International Students

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Why learn a language?

Learning a language has been shown to have many benefits, including enhancing creativity, problem solving ability, literacy skills and the maintenance of cultural identity. In recognition of the importance of languages, Victorian students receive a bonus towards their Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) score for successful completion of a VCE accredited language. Languages provide advantages for employment, with increasing numbers of companies seeking bi/multi lingual speakers to remain competitive in an interconnected global world. Languages add to Australia’s economic wealth and security, and increase the capacity to communicate in a range of forums and situations. Students who complete a Unit 3&4 sequence in VCE Language/s may be eligible for the award of the VCE (Baccalaureate) – check eligibility requirements.

How many languages can I choose from?

Currently, more than 40 languages are available at the VSL. For a full list refer to the opposite page.

Where and when can I learn a language?

The VSL offers face-to-face classes at over 40 Centres in Melbourne, Geelong and regional areas. Most classes operate on a Saturday, from 9am to 12.20pm. Some weeknight classes operate after school hours. Classes are not usually held during school vacations, on public holidays, or on a long weekend.

Am I eligible to enrol?

The VSL enrols students from Years F to 12 (VCE) who are unable to study their language of choice at their home school. Students from all educational sectors (Government, Independent and Catholic) are eligible to enrol. Currently more than 14,000 students learn a language with the VSL.

Adults may enrol to study the language at VCE level only, if there are vacancies. Adult students must obtain a satisfactory police record check. Where available at Centres and via Distance mode, secondary students and adults may enrol in a ‘Certificate in Language’ Course as an alternative pathway to VCE. This is a nationally accredited qualification provided under the VSL’s auspice as a Registered Training Organisation.

How much does it cost?

As part of the Department of Education & Training (DET), the VSL is a government funded school. The VSL offers quality courses aligned with government curriculum standards and makes language education both accessible and affordable for all Victorian students. To assist with the cost of notes, class sets, photocopying, curriculum materials and other administrative expenses, a small annual charge applies.

For 2017 this charge is:

- Students in Years 1-10 $75
- Students in Years 11-12 $90
- Adult and Tuition Students (VCE) $220

Payment may be made at Australia Post, via the internet, telephone or B-Pay. Details are provided on the enrolment invoice.

Who will be my teacher?

The VSL is the largest single provider of languages in Victoria. The VSL seeks to employ quality staff, with qualifications, experience, professional registration and the capacity to make learning a language an engaging and meaningful pursuit. A range of teaching and delivery methods are employed to cater for our diverse student learning styles and needs. Teachers regularly undertake professional training and development as part of their employment with the VSL.

The curriculum is aligned with government educational frameworks and standards including the Victorian Curriculum Framework and VCE study designs. Student reports are issued twice per year. Excellent achievements by VSL students are demonstrated annually by the large numbers who gain perfect VCE scores, top scores in the upper percentile range and students who receive Premier’s Awards. Our ‘Top Scorer’ evening is an annual event attended by hundreds of students, parents, teachers, dignitaries and community members to celebrate our outstanding student achievements.

How do I enrol?

All students who are Australian citizens or who have residency status must complete an online VSL Enrolment on the VSL website.

VCE students: Years 11 and 12: Full time students at the home school should apply for VCE entry first through the VSL (an Assessing School Notification Form will be provided at the home school). Non-school based students wishing to present for VCE assessment must make the application through the VSL. It is the responsibility of all VCE students to ensure their enrolment is confirmed through their home school.

International students may enrol in VSL courses through the home school. The International Education Division will inform schools of the enrolment process. Identity documents need to accompany the enrolment. International students enrolled in TAFE colleges or non-government English language centres are regarded as students of non-government schools and must pay the full fee prior to enrolment.

Classes are established subject to sufficient enrolments, availability of staff and other DET requirements. If a class is cancelled by the VSL and students cannot be allocated to other classes, a refund will be made in full. In other cases, refund applications need to be made within the first three weeks of commencement of classes and a service fee will be deducted.

Further details are available on our website www.vsl.vic.edu.au

Other languages or locations may be offered, depending on available resources and demand. Some levels may not be offered if there are insufficient students.

Learning a language makes a world of difference
OPTION 2: Learning by Distance Education

Distance Education mode is available in 11 languages - Arabic, Chinese, Classical Greek, French, German, Greek, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese, Latin and Spanish. Please refer to our separate brochure to find out more about Distance mode or check the website: www.vsl.vic.edu.au

Enrolments commence in November 2016 for Semester 1 2017, and should take place no later than the end of February 2017. Enrolments for second semester should be made during Term 2, 2017 and should take place no later than the end of July 2017. The enrolment process is as follows:

Students in Secondary Schools and Colleges

Although initial contact may be made by students, their parents or guardians, enrolment must be requested by schools.

- A school representative determines the number of students seeking VSL distance mode tuition. If necessary, contact is made with the Enrolment Officer (03) 9474 0500 or Distance Education Manager for counselling on the most appropriate study options.
- Home school Principal or school representative provides student details online through the VSL Website (www.vsl.vic.edu.au) by clicking on “Enrol”.
- VSL Distance Education Section confirms the enrolment by email and invoice.
- Home school arranges payment for individual enrolments by BPAY or cheque.
- Home school forwards photocopies of birth certificate, visa and passport (where relevant).

Non School Based Students and Adults

- Non school based applicants and adults enrol online (www.vsl.vic.edu.au) by clicking on “Enrol”, or by contacting the VSL office (03) 9474 0500.
- VSL considers application.
- Student pays the amount by BPAY or cheque.
- Complete documentation (including photocopies of birth certificate, visa and passport, where relevant) is forwarded to the VSL Distance Education Section (electronically or by post).

Full-time Students of the Distance Education Centre, Victoria (DECV)

If DECV students choose to study a Language Other Than English, this should be detailed on their DECV enrolment form with their other subjects and returned directly to the DECV. If necessary, students should contact the VSL Distance Education Section for advice on enrolment levels for the language.

DISTANCE EDUCATION COURSE COSTS AND CONTRIBUTION

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| Non school based students | School age excluding DECV students Yrs 5-12 | $210  |

| Overseas fee paying | International Years 7-12 refer to 2017 International Student Application Form. |

PAYMENT should be made by BPAY or cheque. No cash should be sent through the mail. Course costs cover workbooks, audio material, telephone contact, mailing/emailing to students, and seminars (excluding travel and accommodation costs). Some courses require students to purchase a textbook.

International Students

International students may enrol in VSL courses through the home school. The International Education Division will inform schools of the enrolment process. Identity documents need to accompany the enrolment. International students enrolled in TAFE colleges or non-government English language centres are regarded as students of non-government schools and must pay the full fee prior to enrolment.

Important Student Information

- Students from a non-government school/TAFE college must provide a copy of their passport with their application and payment.
- Only secondary school international students may apply for enrolment with the VSL.
- Refer to the application form or contact the VSL for further conditions of enrolment.

The 3 steps for enrolment

Step 1
Contact a VSL Centre to see if there is a place available (host school will assist) for a face-to-face class.

Step 2
Student and host school complete an application form (image right) and submit it with payment to the relevant VSL Centre or VSL Distance Education.

- International students from non-government schools/TAFE colleges must pay additional fees to the Department of Education and Training.
- Cheques must be made payable to the Department of Education and Training (DE&T) and attached to the application form.
- Payments are only accepted in Money Order or Bank Cheque (personal cheque, school cheque or cash are not acceptable).

Step 3
The VSL Centre Area Manager or representative signs the form.
Centre Locations and Contact Details

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING
Languages are offered on Saturdays, unless otherwise stated.
*Centres marked with an asterisk have First and Second Language options for Chinese, Indonesian and Japanese. Contact the relevant Centre for further details.
#These languages are not accredited at VCE level.

Ballarat High School
Sturt St West, Ballarat 3350
5277 9833
Thursday classes: Chinese, French, German, Greek, Italian

Bendigo South East College
Corner of Curtin & Ellis Sts, Bendigo 3550
9474 0562
Tuesday classes: Chinese, French, German, Sinhala

Cobram Secondary College
25 - 47 Warkil Street, Cobram 3644
9474 0562
Arabic

Gisborne Secondary College
Melton Road, Gisborne 3437
9474 0562
Monday classes: French, Italian

Matthew Flinders Girls’ Secondary College
Little Ryrie Street, Geelong 3220
5277 9833
Chinese, German, Italian, Japanese, Spanish

Mildura Senior College
261 - 289a Deakin Avenue, Mildura 3502
9364 3201
Tuesday classes: Chinese, Fench, Greek, Hindi, Italian, Turkish

North Geelong Secondary College*
86 - 132 Separation Street, Nth Geelong 3215
5240 5800
Bosnian, Croatian, Dari, Karen, Macedonian, Persian, Polish, Russian, Turkish, Vietnamese

Shepparton High School
Hawdon Street, Shepparton 3630
9474 0562
Albanian, Arabic, Chinese, Dari, Hindi, Macedonian, Persian, Punjabi, Sinhala

Suzanne Cory High School (Werribee)
255 Hoppers Lane, Werribee 3030
5277 9833
Bosnian, Chinese, Hindi, Karen, Korean, Malay, Punjabi, Tamil

Traralgon (Grey Street Primary School)
30 - 44 Grey Street, Traralgon 3844
9558 5566
Chinese

Warrnambool College
Grafton Road, Warrnambool 3280
9474 0562
Wednesday classes: Chinese, French, Italian

Wodonga M.Y. College (Huon Campus)
22 - 24 Mitchell Street, Wodonga 3690
9474 0562
Tuesday classes: French, Italian, Japanese, Punjabi, Spanish

VSL Distance Education Section (DES)
315 Clarendon Street, Thornbury 3071
9474 0500
Arabic, Chinese, Classical Greek, French, German, Greek, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese, Latin, Spanish

Albanian# Shepparton
Arabic Cobram, Shepparton, Distance Education
Bosnian North Geelong, Suzanne Cory (Werribee)
Chinese Matthew Flinders, Mildura, Shepparton, Suzanne Cory, Traralgon

Classical Greek
North Geelong

Croatian
North Geelong, Shepparton

Dari#
Bendigo, Gisborne, Warrnambool, Wodonga, Distance Education

French Ballarat (Thur), Bendigo, Gisborne, Warrnambool, Wodonga, Distance Education

German Ballarat (Thur), Bendigo, Matthew Flinders, Distance Education

Greek
Matthew Flinders, Distance Education

Hindi
Mildura, Shepparton

Indonesian
Distance Education*

Italian
Ballarat (Thur), Gisborne, Matthew Flinders, Mildura, Warrnambool, Wodonga, Distance Education

Japanese
Matthew Flinders, Wodonga, Distance Education

Karen#
North Geelong

Latin
Distance Education

Macedonian North Geelong, Shepparton

Persian North Geelong, Shepparton

Polish North Geelong

Punjabi
Shepparton, Suzanne Cory (Werribee), Wodonga

Russian
North Geelong

Sinhala
Bendigo, Shepparton,

Spanish
Matthew Flinders, Wodonga, Distance Education

Tamil Suzanne Cory (Werribee)

Turkish Mildura, North Geelong

Vietnamese North Geelong

The telephone numbers listed are those of the Area Managers administering the centres.

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