

2023 Languages Program Centre Classes

FOR STUDENTS IN FOUNDATION (PREP) - 12 (VCE)

Learn Albanian | Amharic | Arabic | Bengali | Bosnian | Bulgarian | Chin Falam | Chin Hakha
Chinese (Cantonese) | Chinese (Mandarin) | Croatian | Dari | Dutch | Filipino (Tagalog) | French | German
Greek | Gujarati | Hebrew | Hindi | Hungarian | Indonesian | Italian | Japanese | Kannada | Karen | Khmer | Korean
Latin | Macedonian | Malay | Malayalam | Mizo | Pashto | Persian | Polish | Portuguese | Punjabi | Romanian | Russian
Serbian | Sinhala | Spanish | Swahili | Tamil | Telugu | Thai | Turkish | Urdu | Vietnamese | Zomi

- Delivering the Victorian Curriculum: Languages (F-10) and accredited VCE Languages
- Distance Education mode is also available for 13 languages - see our separate brochure
- Vocational Education for selected languages as an alternative to VCE

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Frequently Asked Questions

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 Territory 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 Victorian VCE (Baccalaureate) - check eligibility requirements.

HOW MANY LANGUAGES CAN I CHOOSE FROM?

Currently, more than 50 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.

At the time of publication, the **teaching** sessions for the Saturday classes of the VSL for 2023 are:

TERM 1 February 4, 11, 18, 25 **March** 4, 18, 25
April 1

TERM 2 April 29 **May** 6, 13, 20, 27
June 3, 17, 24 (VCE only)

TERM 3 July 15, 22, 29 **August** 12, 19, 26
September 2, 9, 16 (VCE only)

TERM 4 **October** 7, 14 (Final day VCE CCAFL), 21, 28
November 4 (Final day VCE),
11, 18 (Final day Years F-10)

Distance Education mode is available in 14 languages - Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Greek, Hindi, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese, Latin, Punjabi, Spanish and Vietnamese (VCE only). Please refer to our separate brochure to find out more about Distance mode or check the website:

www.vsl.vic.edu.au

AM I ELIGIBLE TO ENROL?

The VSL enrolls 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 16,000 students learn a language with 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 of 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.

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 contribution is requested.

For 2023 it is:

Students in Years F-10, \$80

Students in Years 11-12, \$95

Adult and Tuition Students (VCE), \$220

Payment may be made at Australia Post, via the internet, telephone or BPay. Details are provided on the enrolment notice.

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.

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 home school should apply for VCE entry first through the VSL (an *Assessing School Notification Form* will be provided for 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 their home school. The International Education Division will inform students of the enrolment process and identify documents needed 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.

Languages and Centres

Albanian[#] Altona North, Shepparton

Amharic[#] Caroline Springs, Footscray

Arabic Altona North, Caroline Springs, Carwatha, Hampton Park, Keilor Downs, Lalor, Roxburgh, Shepparton, Distance Education

Bengali Truganina

Bosnian Caroline Springs, Carwatha

Bulgarian[#] Glen Waverley, Taylors Lakes

Chin Falam[#] Croydon (Melba)

Chin Hakha Berwick, Croydon (Melba), Sunshine

Chinese (Cantonese) Doncaster

Chinese (Mandarin) Ballarat (Thur), Berwick, Box Hill*, Brentwood, Croydon (Melba), Dandenong, Doncaster*, Epping* Glen Waverley*, Hampton Park, Matthew Flinders, Mentone*, South Oakleigh*, Shepparton, Taylors Lakes*, Traralgon, University HS*, Point Cook, Wodonga (Tues), Distance Education*

Chinese (Traditional-Guoyu) Doncaster

Chinese (Language, Culture & Society) Box Hill, Dandenong, Taylors Lakes

Croatian Altona North, Keilor Downs, Mentone, North Geelong

Dari[#] Dandenong, North Geelong

Dutch Box Hill, Altona North

Filipino (Tagalog) Dandenong

French Bendigo, Carwatha, Glen Waverley, Hampton Park, Matthew Flinders, Melton, University HS, Distance Education

German Box Hill, Matthew Flinders, University HS, Westall, Distance Education

Greek Carwatha, Doncaster (Thur), Glen Waverley (Tues/Sat), Keilor Downs, South Oakleigh, Traralgon, Distance Education

Gujarati[#] Werribee (Suzanne Cory)

Hebrew McKinnon (Thur)

Hindi Berwick, Blackburn, Craigieburn, Caroline Springs, Dandenong, Epping, Glen Waverley (Tues) Melton, Mildura, Sunshine, Shepparton, Werribee (Suzanne Cory), Wodonga (Tues), Distance Education (VCE only)

Hungarian Dandenong

Indonesian Brunswick, Glen Waverley, Distance Education*

Italian Brunswick, Carwatha, Matthew Flinders, Mentone, Mildura, Distance Education

Japanese Altona North, Ballarat, Blackburn, Brentwood*, Doncaster (Thur), Glen Waverley (Tues), Hampton Park, Lalor, Matthew Flinders, University HS, Distance Education

Kannada[#] Berwick, Dandenong, Glen Waverley, Point Cook

Karen Croydon (Melba), North Geelong, Werribee (Suzanne Cory)

Khmer Hampton Park, Westall

Korean Blackburn*, Caroline Springs, Doncaster (Thur), McKinnon (Thur), Point Cook

Latin Distance Education

Macedonian Altona North, Keilor Downs, North Geelong, Point Cook, Thomastown, Dandenong

Malay[#] Roxburgh, Werribee (Suzanne Cory)

Malayalam[#] Bendigo, Berwick, Croydon, Epping, Hampton Park, North Geelong, Roxburgh, Shepparton, Taylors Lakes, Werribee (Suzanne Cory)

Mizo[#] Croydon (Melba)

Pashto Dandenong

Persian Box Hill, Dandenong, Epping, Shepparton

Polish Dandenong, University HS

Portuguese Collingwood

Punjabi Ballarat, Berwick, Blackburn, Broadmeadows (Hume Central), Craigieburn, Caroline Springs, Hampton Park, Matthew Flinders, Melton, Mildura, Shepparton, Taylors Lakes, Thomastown, Truganina, Wodonga (Tues), Distance Education (VCE only)

Romanian Dandenong

Russian McKinnon (Thur), North Geelong, Point Cook, South Oakleigh, University HS

Serbian Dandenong

Sinhala Bendigo, Berwick, Brentwood, Carwatha, Epping, Glen Waverley (Tues), Hampton Park, Roxburgh, Shepparton

Spanish Berwick, Box Hill, Caroline Springs, Collingwood, Doncaster (Thur), Footscray, Mentone, Point Cook, Roxburgh, Distance Education

Swahili[#] Epping

Tamil Craigieburn, Caroline Springs, Lalor, Melton, Point Cook, Truganina

Telugu[#] Ballarat, Glen Waverley, Werribee (Suzanne Cory)

Thai[#] Altona North, Blackburn

Turkish Broadmeadows (Hume Central), Brunswick, Craigieburn, Dandenong, Keilor Downs, Mildura, North Geelong, Shepparton, South Oakleigh, Thomastown

Urdu[#] Dandenong, Matthew Flinders, Roxburgh, Shepparton, Taylors Lakes, Werribee (Suzanne Cory)

Vietnamese Altona North*, Blackburn*, Collingwood*, Footscray*, Keilor Downs*, Keysborough*, Lalor, Mildura, North Geelong*, Sunshine, Westall*, Distance Education (VCE only)

Zomi[#] Croydon

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, Japanese, Korean or Vietnamese. Contact the relevant Centre for further details.*

#These languages are not accredited at VCE level.

Centre Locations and Contact Details

Altona North (Bayside P-12 Secondary College) 1 McArthurs Road, Altona North	9689 1166	Lalor Secondary College 118 David Street, Lalor	9464 0848
Ballarat High School Sturt Street West, Ballarat	9689 1166	McKinnon Secondary College 291a McKinnon Road, McKinnon	9547 3780
Bendigo South East College Corner of Curtin & Ellis Street, Bendigo	9474 0562	Melton (Staughton College) 24-46 Wilson Road, Melton	9474 0575
Berwick Secondary College Manuka Road, Berwick	9791 9289	Mentone Girls Secondary College 175 Balcombe Road, Mentone	9558 5566
Blackburn High School 60 Springfield Road, Blackburn	9840 0082	Mildura Senior College 261-289a Deakin Avenue, Mildura	5021 2911
Box Hill High School 1180 Whitehorse Road, Box Hill	9840 0082	Noble Park North (Carwatha College P-12) 43-81 Browns Road, Noble Park North	9802 4326
Broadmeadows (Hume Central Secondary College) 62-70 Blair Street, Broadmeadows	9364 3201	North Geelong Secondary College* 86-132 Separation Street, North Geelong	5277 9833
Brunswick Secondary College 47 Dawson Street, Brunswick	9348 1720	Parkville (University High School)* 77 Story Street, Parkville	9348 1720
Caroline Springs (Creekside College) The Crossing, Caroline Springs	9474 0575	Point Cook Senior Secondary College Corner Boardwalk Blvd & Bergamot Drive, Point Cook	5277 9833
Clayton South (Westall Secondary College) 88 Rosebank Avenue, Clayton South	9547 3780	Roxburgh College 60-70 Donald Cameron Drive, Roxburgh Park	9464 0848
Collingwood College Corner Cromwell & McCutcheon Way, Collingwood	9348 1720	Shepparton (Greater Shepparton S.C.) Hawdon Road, Shepparton	9474 0562
Craigieburn (Mount Ridley College) 2-30 Hampton Street, Craigieburn	9364 3201	South Oakleigh College Bakers Road, Oakleigh South	9547 3780
Croydon (Melba College) 20 Brentnall Road, Croydon	9474 0562	Sunshine College North Northumberland Road, Sunshine North	9689 1166
Dandenong High School* 92-106 Princess Highway, Dandenong	9791 9289	Taylors Lakes Secondary College 1-39 Parmelia Drive, Taylors Lakes	9364 3201
Doncaster Secondary College* 123 Church Road, Doncaster	9840 0082	Thomastown Secondary College* 80-96 Main Street, Thomastown	9464 0848
Epping Secondary College McDonalds Road, Epping	9464 0848	Traralgon (Grey Street Primary School) 30-44 Grey Street, Traralgon	9558 5566
Footscray High School (Barkly Campus)* 298 Barkly Street, Footscray	9689 1166	Truganina College 55 Clearwood Drive, Truganina	9474 0575
Geelong (Matthew Flinders Girls' Secondary College) Cnr Fenwick & Myers Street, Geelong	5277 9833	Werribee (Suzanne Cory High School) 225 Hoppers Lane, Werribee	5277 9833
Glen Waverley (Brentwood Secondary College) 65-71 Heath Street, Glen Waverley	9558 5566	Wodonga Middle Years College (Huon Campus) 22-24 Mitchell Street, Wodonga	9474 0562
Glen Waverley Secondary College 21 O'Sullivan Road, Glen Waverley	9802 4326	VSL Distance Education Section (DES) 315 Clarendon Street, Thornbury	9474 0500
Hampton Park Secondary College 58-96 Fordholm Road, Hampton Park	9791 9289		
Keilor Downs College* 100-110 Odessa Avenue, Keilor Downs	9364 3201		
Keysborough Secondary College (Banksia) 8-20 Janine Road, Springvale South	9558 5566		

**Area offices are marked with an asterisk*

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