Languages Program
Country and Regional

For Students in Years 1-12 (VCE)
* Centre face-to-face classes
* Distance education
* International Students
* Certificate in Language Courses

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Learning a language makes a world of difference

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 study of a VCE accredited language. Languages provide advantages for employment, with increasing numbers of companies seeking bi/multi lingual speakers to remain competitive in a global marketplace. Languages add to Australia’s economic wealth and security. Languages increase the capacity to communicate in a range of forums and situations.

How many languages can I choose from?
Currently, more than 20 languages are available at Country and Regional Centres or by Distance Education. For a full list, refer to the back of this brochure.

Where and when can I learn a language?

OPTION 1: Learning in face-to-face classes in Centres
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 classes operate after school during the week. Centres offering face-to-face classes, and the languages they offer, are listed on the back of the brochure. 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 2013 are:

TERM 1:
- February 9, 16, 23
- March 2, 16, 23

TERM 2:
- April 20, 27
- May 4, 11, 18, 25
- June 1, 15, 22, 29 (VCE only, VELS reporting day)

TERM 3:
- July 20, 27
- August 3, 10, 24, 31
- September 7, 14, 21 (VCE only)

TERM 4:
- October 12, 19, 26
- November 2, 9 (final day VCE students), 16, 23 (final day Years 1-10)

Am I eligible to enrol?
The VSL enrols students from Year 1 to Year 12 (VCE) who are unable to study their language of choice in their day/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 records 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 & Early Childhood Development (DEECD), 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 2013 this charge is:

- Students in Years 1-10 $70
- Students in Years 11-12 $85
- Adult and Tuition Students (VCE) $210

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

Who will be my teachers?
The VSL is the largest single provider of languages in Victoria, employing around 800 language teachers. The VSL seeks to employ quality staff, with qualifications, experience, professional registration and the capacity to make learning a language an engaging, 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 VELS and VCE. 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 or 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 wonderful student achievements.

How do I enrol?
All students who are Australian citizens or who have residency status must complete the VSL Student Enrolment Form and sign the Student Code of Behaviour. Enrolment can be done online from the VSL website. VCE students; Years 11 and 12: Full time students at a day 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. Please see the opposite page for the enrolment process for International Students and Distance Education. International students may enrol in a VSL course but must use a the 2013 International Student application form available from the home school or from VSL Centres. This is also available on the internet at www.study.vic.gov.au. Identity documents need to accompany the enrolment form. 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 DEECD 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, application for refunds 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
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 October 2012 for Semester 1 2013, and should take place no later than the end of February 2013. Enrolments for second semester should be made during Term 2, 2013 and should take place no later than the end of July 2013. 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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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 a VSL course but must use the 2013 International Student Application Form available from the home school or from VSL Centres. This is also available on the internet at www.study.vic.gov.au. Identity documents need to accompany the enrolment form. 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 Early Childhood Development.
- Cheques must be made payable to the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) 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

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Thursday classes: Chinese, French, German, Greek, Italian                         |
| Bendigo South East College              | Curtin St, Bendigo 3550   | 9474 0562  
Tuesday classes: Chinese, German                                                  |
| Cobram Secondary College               | 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 Pyrie Street, Geelong 3220 | 5277 9833  
Chinese, German, Italian, Japanese, Spanish                                          |
| Mildura Senior College                  | Deakin Avenue, Mildura 3502| 5021 2911  
Wednesday classes: Chinese, Hindi, Italian, Turkish                                |
| North Geelong Secondary College*        | Separation Street, Nth Geelong 3215 | 5277 9833  
Bosnian, Croatian, Karen, Macedonian, Polish, Russian, Turkish, Vietnamese        |
| Shepparton High School                  | Hawdon Street, Shepparton 3630| 9474 0562  
Albanian, Arabic, Chinese, Dari, Filipino, French, Greek, Hindi, Persian, Punjabi, Swahili, Turkish |
| Traralgon (Grey Street Primary School)  | 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)      | Mitchell Street, Wodonga 3960| 9474 0562  
Tuesday classes: Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Spanish                |
| Distance Education Section (DES)        | 315 Clarendon Street, Thornbury 3071 | 9474 0500  
Arabic, Chinese, Classical Greek, French, German, Greek, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese, Latin, Spanish |

**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.

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

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