

VICTORIAN SCHOOL OF LANGUAGES

# 2025 LANGUAGES PROGRAM CENTRE CLASSES

FOR STUDENTS IN FOUNDATION - YEAR 12



# 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.

## HOW MANY LANGUAGES CAN I CHOOSE FROM?

Currently there are more than 50 languages 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 2025 are:

**TERM 1** February 8, 15, 22 March 1, 15, 22, 29 April 5 (VCE Only)

**TERM 2** April 26 May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 June 14, 21, 28  
July 5 (VCE Only)

**TERM 3** July 26 August 2, 16, 23, 30 September 6, 13, 20 (VCE Only)

**TERM 4** October 11, 18, 25 November 1, (Final Day VCE)  
8, 15, 22 (Final Day Years F-10)

**Distance Education** mode is available in 13 languages - Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Greek, Hindi (VCE only), Indonesian, Italian, Japanese, Latin, Punjabi (VCE only), 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](http://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 the VSL.

As part of the Department of Education (DE), 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 2025 it is:

Students in Years F-10	\$90
Students in Years 11-12	\$110
Tuition Students (VCE)	\$250

Payment may be made via the internet, telephone or BPay. Details are provided in the enrolment process.

## 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 through 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). 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 DE 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](http://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 CENTRE

ALBANIAN <sup>#</sup>	Altona North, Caroline Springs, Epping, Shepparton	KAREN	Croydon (Melba), North Geelong, Werribee (Suzanne Cory)
AMHARIC <sup>#</sup>	Caroline Springs	KHMER	Hampton Park , Westall
ARABIC	Altona North, Caroline Springs, Carwatha, Hampton Park, Lalor, Roxburgh, Shepparton, Distance Education	KOREAN	Blackburn*, Caroline Springs, Carwatha, Doncaster (Thursdays), McKinnon (Thursdays), Point Cook
BENGALI	Truganina	LATIN	Distance Education
BOSNIAN	Caroline Springs, Carwatha	MACEDONIAN	Altona North, Keilor Downs, North Geelong, Thomastown
BULGARIAN <sup>#</sup>	Glen Waverley, Taylors Lakes	MALAYALAM <sup>#</sup>	Bendigo (Tuesdays), Berwick, Croydon, Epping, Hampton Park, North Geelong, Roxburgh, Shepparton, Taylors Lakes, Werribee (Suzanne Cory), Wodonga (Tuesdays)
BURMESE	Box Hill, Point Cook	MIZO <sup>#</sup>	Croydon (Melba)
CHIN FALAM <sup>#</sup>	Croydon (Melba)	PASHTO <sup>#</sup>	Dandenong
CHIN HAKHA	Berwick, Croydon (Melba), Sunshine	PERSIAN	Box Hill, Dandenong, Epping , Shepparton
CHINESE (CANTONESE) <sup>#</sup>	Doncaster	POLISH	Dandenong, University HS
CHINESE (MANDARIN)	Ballarat (Thursdays), Berwick, Box Hill*, Brentwood, Croydon (Melba), Dandenong, Doncaster*, Epping*, Glen Waverley*, Hampton Park, Matthew Flinders, Mentone*, South Oakleigh*, Shepparton, Taylors Lakes*, University HS*, Point Cook, Wodonga (Tuesdays), Distance Education	PORTUGUESE	Collingwood, North Geelong
CHINESE (TRADITIONAL -GUOYU) <sup>#</sup>	Doncaster	PUNJABI	Ballarat, Bendigo, Berwick , Blackburn, Craigieburn, Caroline Springs, Hampton Park, Matthew Flinders, Melton, Mildura, Shepparton, Taylors Lakes, Thomastown, Truganina, Wodonga (Tuesdays), Distance Education (VCE only)
CHINESE (LANGUAGE CULTURE & SOCIETY)	Taylors Lakes	ROMANIAN	Dandenong
CROATIAN	Altona North, Keilor Downs, Mentone, North Geelong	RUSSIAN	McKinnon (Thursdays), North Geelong, Point Cook, South Oakleigh, University HS
DARI <sup>#</sup>	Dandenong	SERBIAN	Dandenong
DUTCH	Box Hill	SINHALA	Bendigo (Tuesdays), Berwick, Brentwood, Carwatha, Epping, Glen Waverley (Tuesdays), Hampton Park, Roxburgh, Shepparton
FILIPINO (TAGALOG)	Dandenong	SPANISH	Berwick, Box Hill, Caroline Springs, Collingwood, Doncaster (Thursdays), Footscray, Matthew Flinders, Mentone, Point Cook, Roxburgh, Distance Education
FRENCH	Carwatha, Glen Waverley, Hampton Park, Matthew Flinders, Melton, University HS, Distance Education	TAMIL	Craigieburn, Caroline Springs, Lalor, Melton, Point Cook, Truganina
GERMAN	Matthew Flinders, University HS Westall, Distance Education	TELUGU <sup>#</sup>	Ballarat, Berwick, Glen Waverley, Werribee (Suzanne Cory)
GREEK	Carwatha, Doncaster (Thursdays), Glen Waverley (Tuesdays), Keilor Downs, South Oakleigh, Distance Education	THAI <sup>#</sup>	Altona North
GUJARATI <sup>#</sup>	Werribee (Suzanne Cory)	TURKISH	Brunswick, Craigieburn, Dandenong, Keilor Downs, North Geelong, South Oakleigh, Thomastown
HEBREW	McKinnon (Thursdays)	URDU <sup>#</sup>	Bendigo, Roxburgh, Shepparton, Taylors Lakes, Werribee (Suzanne Cory)
HINDI	Berwick, Blackburn, Craigieburn, Caroline Springs, Dandenong, Epping, Glen Waverley (Tuesdays), Melton, Shepparton, Sunshine, Truganina, Werribee (Suzanne Cory), Wodonga (Tuesdays), Distance Education (VCE only)	VIETNAMESE	Altona North, Blackburn*, Collingwood*, Footscray*, Keilor Downs*, Lalor, Sunshine, Westall*, Distance Education (VCE only)
HUNGARIAN	Dandenong	ZOMI <sup>#</sup>	Croydon (Melba), Keilor Downs
INDONESIAN	Brunswick, Glen Waverley, Distance Education*		
ITALIAN	Brunswick, Carwatha, Matthew Flinders, Mentone, Distance Education*		
JAPANESE	Altona North, Ballarat, Blackburn, Brentwood*, Doncaster (Thursdays), Glen Waverley (Tuesdays), Hampton Park, Lalor, Matthew Flinders, University HS, Distance Education		
KANNADA <sup>#</sup>	Berwick, Dandenong, Glen Waverley, Point Cook		

**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 details

<sup>#</sup>These languages are not accredited at VCE level.

# CENTRE LOCATIONS AND CONTACT DETAILS



ALTONA NORTH	Bayside P-12 SC 1 McArthurs Road	03 9689 1166
BALLARAT	Ballarat High School Sturt Street West	03 9474 0562
BENDIGO	Bendigo South East College Cnr Curtin & Ellis Street	03 9474 0562
BERWICK	Berwick Secondary College Manuka Road	03 9791 9289
BLACKBURN	Blackburn High School 60 Springfield Road	03 9840 0082
BOX HILL	Box Hill High School 1180 Whitehorse Road	03 9840 0082
BRUNSWICK	Brunswick SC 47 Dawson Street	03 9348 1720
CAROLINE SPRINGS	Creekside College The Crossing	03 9689 1166
CLAYTON SOUTH	Westall Secondary College 88 Rosebank Avenue	03 9547 3780
COLLINGWOOD	Collingwood College Cnr Cromwell & McCutcheon Way	03 9348 1720
CRAIGIEBURN	Mount Ridley College 2-30 Hampton Street	03 9364 3201
CROYDON	Melba College 20 Brentnall Road	03 9474 0562
DANDENONG*	Dandenong High School 92-106 Princess Hwy	03 9791 9289
DONCASTER*	Doncaster Secondary College 123 Church Road	03 9840 0082
EPPING	Epping Secondary College McDonalds Road	03 9464 0848
FOOTSCRAY*	Footscray High School (Barkly Campus) 298 Barkly Street	03 9348 1720
GEELONG	Matthew Flinders Girls' SC Cnr Fenwick & Myers Street	03 5277 9833
GEELONG NORTH*	North Geelong SC 86-132 Separation Street	03 5277 9833
GLEN WAVERLEY	Brentwood SC 65-71 Heath Street	03 9802 4326
GLEN WAVERLEY	Glen Waverley SC 21 O'Sullivan Road	03 9802 4326

\*Area Offices are marked with an asterisk

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

HAMPTON PARK	Hampton Park SC 58-96 Fordholm Road	03 9791 9289
KEILOR DOWNS*	Keilor Downs College 58-96 Fordholm Road	03 9364 3201
LALOR	Lalor North Secondary College 114 Childs Road, Epping	03 9464 0848
MCKINNON	McKinnon Secondary College 291a McKinnon Road	03 9547 3780
MELTON	Staughton College 24-46 Wilson Road	03 9364 3201
MENTONE	Mentone Girls' SC 175 Balcombe Road	03 9547 3780
MILDURA	Mildura Senior College 261-289a Deakin Avenue	03 9474 0562
NOBLE PARK NORTH	Carwatha College P-12 43-82 Browns Road	03 9802 4326
PARKVILLE*	University High School 77 Story Street	03 9348 1720
POINT COOK	Point Cook Senior SC Cnr Boardwalk Blvd & Bergamot Drive	03 5277 9833
ROXBURGH PARK	Roxburgh College 60-70 Donald Cameron Drive	03 9464 0848
SHEPPARTON	Greater Shepparton SC Hawdon Road	03 9474 0562
SOUTH OAKLEIGH	South Oakleigh College Bakers Road	03 9547 3780
SUNSHINE	Sunshine College North Northumberland Road	03 9689 1166
TAYLORS LAKES	Taylors Lakes SC 1-39 Parmelia Drive	03 9364 3201
THOMASTOWN*	Thomastown SC 80-96 Main Street	03 9464 0848
TRUGANINA	Truganina College 55 Clearwood Drive	03 9689 1166
WERRIBEE	Suzanne Cory High School 225 Hoppers Lane	03 5277 9833
WODONGA	Wodonga Middle Years College (Huon Campus) 22-24 Mitchell Street	03 9474 0562
VSL DISTANCE EDUCATION	VSL Head Office 20 Otter Street, Collingwood	03 9474 0500