

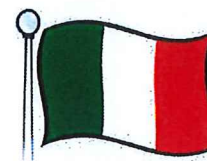
Languages at Norwood Primary School

The Australian Curriculum: Languages is designed to enable all students to engage in learning a language in addition to English.

At Norwood Primary School students learn Italian from Reception-Year 7. For one semester classes will receive 1x50 minute lesson per week and for the other semester classes receive 2x50 minute lessons per week.

Selina Vakitsidis teaches R-3 on Monday and Tuesday.

Laura Eliseo teaches Years 4-7 on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.



Students will participate in activities across the following strands:

- *Communicating*: using language for communicative purposes
- *Understanding*: analysing language and culture for interpreting and creating meaning

Activities include songs, games, role-plays, stories, cooking, dance, visual arts and inquiry work.

The **EALD program (ESL)** supports students who speak languages in addition to English. These students may come to Australia with little or no English or, for those born in Australia, have a parent or grandparent from a non-English speaking background. Students are supported in class and may be withdrawn for small group activities which are planned collaboratively with the classroom teacher.

Assessment

Students are assessed on a continuous basis by means of:

- Listening and speaking tasks
- Reading and writing tasks
- Self/peer appraisal
- Other activities and tasks performed during the year
- EALD students are assessed with the Language and Literacy Levels of the Australian Curriculum.

Formal reporting to parents will be included in student's midyear and end of year reports.

Behaviour Management

In order to encourage positive behaviour and attitudes to learning a language, a variety of positive approaches are implemented, such as praise, special class activities, free choice activities and assembly awards. Students are expected to follow the school MATES rules and are encouraged to make "A" choices, as in their own classrooms.

Communication Process

A languages overview for each term will be on the school website. Please feel free to contact us to discuss any queries.

Some benefits of Language learning

- Boosts brain power
- Develops intercultural capability
- Extends communication and literacy
- Enhances creative and critical thinking, reasoning and thinking skills
- Greater post school options in further education, career or travel



First Language Maintenance/Mother Tongue

Eligible students of Chinese background are offered 1 lesson per week and Hindi background are offered 1 lesson per fortnight of First Language Maintenance and culture.

Selina Vakitsidis and Laura Eliseo
Italian Teachers

Swati Sharma
Hindi Teacher

Chunghuei Johnson
Chinese Teacher

Vicki Masters
EALD Teacher