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Teacher of Italian for 2023, posted 22 January 2023

We invite expressions of interest from suitably qualified teachers for a possible casual sessional roles teaching Beginning/Continuing/Advanced Italian. If interested, please [send your expression of interest to CAL](#), addressing the points in the December post below.



Teachers of Arabic, Indonesian, Italian for 2023, and French for Term 1, posted 6 December 2022

We invite expressions of interest from suitably qualified teachers for possible casual sessional roles teaching Beginning/Continuing/Advanced Arabic, Indonesian, Italian and French. If interested, please [send your expression of interest to CAL](#), addressing the points below, preferably by Friday 16 December 2022. These roles are contingent on enrolments reaching a viable threshold for program delivery in these languages in 2023.



The salary scale will be based on the Australian Educational Services (Teachers) Award and includes an afternoon quarter day shift each weekly on-site session and a standard quarter day shift each week for the off-site program. There are extra provisions, with one standard quarter day shift for program management each fortnight and one standard quarter day shift for each assessment task. Also included are additional shifts as required for commitments such as meetings, at the relevant rate for the timing of those commitments.

Relevant qualifications include:

- Working with Vulnerable People (WwVP) registration
- Teacher Quality Institute (TQI) registration or Permission to Teach including IELTS or ISLPR English language certification if applicable
- Speaking and writing skills in the target language at least equivalent to completion of a university major
- Evidence of a sound understanding of language teaching methodology
- ICT capabilities including the ability to identify suitable authentic source documents in the target language and to curate online learning resources for access by students.

CAL Korean Summer School, posted 12 November 2022



The Canberra Academy of Languages will run an inaugural Korean summer school in January 2023 for students who wish to prepare for senior secondary Korean language studies. Students will learn to read and write Korean script, practise Korean pronunciation, and learn Korean sentence structures.

The summer school will be open to any interested students, whether they intend to study Korean in their day school or with CAL. It will take place in the 2nd to 4th weeks of January, with 3 hours online plus 2 hours of homework each week for a total of 15 programmed hours. As an online program, participating students will not be required to be in Canberra at the time. The cost will be \$250 per student.

Please refer to the [Korean Summer School 2023 Overview](#) for details about registering for the Korean summer school.

CAL Japanese Summer School to run in January 2023

CAL will again run a Japanese summer school in January 2023 for students who wish to prepare for commencement in senior secondary Japanese studies at Continuing level. The summer



school will be for those who have completed prior study (in or out of school), who are eligible for Continuing Japanese, and who would like to do a bridging program in the holidays to ensure they are ready for the senior secondary course. The summer school program will be designed to improve students' confidence and mastery in areas normally covered through the Australian Curriculum in Years 9-10.

The summer school will be open to any interested students, whether they intend ongoing studies in their day school or with CAL. It will take place in the 2nd to 4th weeks of January, with 3 hours online plus 2 hours of homework each week for a total of 15 programmed hours. As an online program, it will not be required that participating students are in Canberra at the time. The cost will be \$250 per student.

Please refer to the [Japanese Summer School 2023 Overview](#) for details about registering for the Japanese summer school.

CAL will also run a summer school for Korean in January 2023. Please see the details above.

Additional Information Evening, 31 October 2022



The Canberra Academy of Languages will hold an additional online information evening via Google Meet from 6 pm on Monday 31 October 2022 for students interested in commencing studies with us next year. This is a follow-up meeting for those who were unable to participate in our previous sessions.

The meeting link will be meet.google.com/ufc-gnnn-ufp. To register, interested participants should email info@cal.act.edu.au.

ANGLS Conference, 31 October 2022

The 2022 ANGLS Conference was held as an online meeting via MS Teams on the afternoon of Monday 31 October. This is an annual conference of the Australian Network of Government Languages Schools, with ten language education providers participating this year from South Australia, Victoria, NSW, Queensland, NT and the ACT. All of us share the purpose of central provision to supplement language education programs in schools.



CAL implementation of BSSS Program of Learning, posted 24 October 2022

Documents for the CAL implementation of the BSSS Program of Learning are now available from [the Programs page on CAL website](#). Along with our unit outlines and term overviews on our Languages.Org.Au website; and weekly modules on Google Classroom, these form the suite of documentation for the CAL curriculum. Thanks to our Director of Studies, Orion Lethbridge, for preparing the four documents for the sequence of semester units that we deliver during our two-year programs.



Follow-up CAL Information Evening for 25 October, posted 13 October 2022

The Canberra Academy of Languages will hold a follow-up online information evening via Google Meet from 6 pm on Tuesday 25 October 2022 for students interested in commencing studies with us next year.



This is a follow-up meeting for those who were unable to participate when the previous meeting had been arranged, a date that was declared a public holiday a short time before the scheduled event.

We are inviting enrolment applications for senior secondary studies in Arabic, French, German, Hindi, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Spanish and Tamil.

Discussion will include information on learning languages in Years 11-12; receiving credit for languages studies towards the ACT Senior Secondary Certificate and towards the ATAR; how CAL's programs are set up; how to find current information through our online systems about programs throughout the year; and what to do if planning to commence with us in 2023.

To receive a link for the meeting, interested participants should email info@cal.act.edu.au.

Commencement of Term 4, 12 October 2022

Term 4 classes are commencing this week. Because of schedules for processing of assessment data and other end-of-year processes, the fourth quarter-year (Q4) started in Week 9 last term, so this week, Week 11, is the third week of Q4. Our teaching programs for Q4 will conclude in Week 16. There will be assessment tasks in Week 13 (Writing) and in Week 15 (Speaking) - see the Events page on CAL website (look for the pencil-and-paper icons).



CAL class pages on Languages.Org.Au have been updated this week with assessment task descriptions for the writing and speaking assessment tasks, which will take place in Week 13 and Week 15 this term. Please refer also to the Events page on CAL website, where the pencil-and-paper icon highlights scheduling of assessment tasks.

An email went out to CAL families on Wednesday 12 October, the first day of CAL face-to-face sessions for the term. Please let us know if you have any questions about plans for the term and for end of year arrangements.

CAL Information Evening going ahead as planned, posted 13 September 2022

The Canberra Academy of Languages online information evening will go ahead as planned via Google Meet from 6 pm on Thursday 22 September 2022 for students interested in commencing studies with us next year and for their families and other interested stakeholders, including colleagues in schools and colleges. As advised previously, to receive a link for the meeting, interested participants should email info@cal.act.edu.au.



While the Google Meet will go ahead as advertised, because it is not possible for us to know all the avenues through which our partners may have communicated the details, there will also be a follow-up opportunity for those who cannot participate on 22 September.

ACT Languages Education Discussion Paper and Draft Action Plan, posted 11 September 2022

In response to a motion passed in the ACT Legislative Assembly in 2018, the ACT Education Directorate has prepared a discussion paper and a draft action plan. The first stage of consultation on the draft action plan is now under way with stakeholders including CAL. Input from the CAL community is welcome. Please contact us via the [CAL Info email address](#) if you would like more information.



Canberra Region Languages Forum Update, posted 9 September 2022

The [Canberra Region Languages Forum Update for September 2022](#) has been sent out to subscribers by the Convener, Dr Mandy Scott. News items in this update include:



- Canberra is becoming more multilingual .
- Draft ACT Language Education Action Plan 2022-2025 .
- Increased support for ACT Community Language Schools
- Canberra Academy of languages (CAL) Information evening 22 September 2022.
- Poetry on the move 22 – 26 September.
- ANU Language Teaching Forum 26 September: Bridging Indigenous Australia with Hispanic America through the Spanish classroom .
- Centre of Excellence for the Dynamics of Language (COEDL) – End of Centre Event

CAL Information Evening for 22 September, posted 22 August 2022

The Canberra Academy of Languages will hold an online information evening via Google Meet from 6 pm on Thursday 22 September 2022 for students interested in commencing studies with us next year.



As of 2022, CAL programs are running in French, German, Japanese, Korean, Spanish and Tamil. In 2023, we may also run programs for Arabic, Indonesian, Hindi and Italian, if there are sufficient numbers of students interested.

Discussion will include information on learning languages in Years 11-12; receiving credit for languages studies towards the ACT Senior Secondary Certificate and towards the ATAR; how CAL's programs are set up; how to find current information through our online systems about programs throughout the year; and what to do if planning to commence with us in 2023.

To receive a link for the meeting, interested participants should email info@cal.act.edu.au.

Commencement of Term 3, posted 17 July 2022

CAL languages programs for Semester 2 of 2022 in French, German, Japanese, Korean, Spanish and Tamil are commencing in the coming week, with our Week 1 face-to-face sessions taking place at Ainslie School on Wednesday 20 July (French, Tamil and Spanish, 5 pm to 7 pm) and Thursday 21 July (German, Japanese and Korean, 5:15 pm to 7:15 pm). Ainslie School is at 33 Donaldson Street, Braddon 2612. For more details, please refer to yesterday's broadcast emails to CAL students and CAL families.



CAL Information Evening, posted 16 June 2022

The Canberra Academy of Languages will hold an online information evening via Google Meet from 6 pm on Thursday 23 June 2022 for students interested in commencing studies with us next semester. Programs are offered in French, German, Japanese, Korean, Spanish, and Tamil. To receive a link for the meeting, interested participants should email info@cal.act.edu.au.



Discussion will include information on how CAL's programs are set up; how to find current information through our online systems about programs throughout the year; and what to do if planning to commence with us in Semester 2.

This event may be of interest for the following Year 11 students whose chosen language is not available through their day school program:

- Students who are arriving in Canberra at mid-year, and who have previously completed studies in a language
- Students who have now decided that they would like to complete a minor in a language, and who would prefer to commence now instead of waiting until the start of Year 12
- Students participating in the CIT Year 12 program.

Students wishing to join a beginning course should have completed the equivalent of a semester of senior secondary language studies, or about a year of high language studies. Students wishing to enrol in a continuing course should have completed at least the equivalent of a Year 9-10 high school course in the language.

Agenda for the information session:

- Information and advice on learning languages in Years 11-12.
- Receiving credit for your languages studies towards the ACT Senior Secondary Certificate and towards the ATAR.
- How CAL's programs are set up.
- How to find current information through our online systems about programs throughout the year.
- What you need to do if you are planning to commence with us in Term 2.

To receive a link for the meeting, please email info@cal.act.edu.au.

Have your say on the Multicultural Recognition Act, posted 16 June 2022

The draft Multicultural Recognition Bill sets out the ACT Government's vision for growing and improving as an inclusive city. The legislation will create a Multicultural Charter and set out the roles and functions of the ACT Multicultural Advisory Council. It will also provide ways for the ACT Government to report back to the community on our progress as a welcoming and inclusive city. A second round of community consultation on the draft Bill is now open until 26 July and the ACT Government wants to hear from you.



To convey your vision to ACT Government for an inclusive and diverse city and what you think should be in the Multicultural Recognition Act, please go to yoursayconversations.act.gov.au/multicultural-recognition-act.

Indonesian and language learning in the news, posted 11 June 2022

THE CONVERSATION With the visit by the Prime Minister and Foreign Minister to Indonesia since Labor returned to government, the importance of Indonesian/Malay language has been in the news. The Deputy Director of the Asia Education Foundation wrote in an article in The Conversation about comments by Anthony Albanese [on the importance of links between Australia and Indonesia](#). And Penny Wong [took the opportunity to speak confidently to camera in Bahasa](#) during the visit.

Canberra Region Languages Forum Update, posted 22 May 2022

The [Canberra Region Languages Forum Update for May 2022](#) has been sent out to subscribers by the Convener, Dr Mandy Scott. News items in this update include:



- Multilingual Networking Morning, Sunday 29 May 10am—12 noon, Latin American Cultural Centre, 28 Astrolabe Street, Red Hill. More details: [ACTBEA website](#).
- Sharing the Joy of Languages, free competition for students in Canberra and local region. All entries must be received by the extended due date, 1 September 2022. More details: [ACTBEA website](#).
- Multilingual Poetry evening, Monday 27 June 2022, 7-9 pm, Smith's Alternative, 76 Alinga Street, Canberra. More details: [Events portal on Facebook](#)
- Community Language Schools, 2021 independent review and matters arising.
- Canberra Academy of Languages (CAL) budget submission as part of the 2022-23 budget consultation process. See the item below on CAL News page for more details.
- ANU Language Teaching Forum. To join the ANU LTF mailing list, or if you are interested presenting in second semester — there are still some spots available — please email [Wesley Lim](mailto:Wesley.Lim@anu.edu.au), Wesley.Lim@anu.edu.au.

Term 2 update, posted 19 May 2022

Assessment tasks this term: Assessment task descriptions for the reading and writing assessment tasks are now on the class pages on Languages.Org.Au. The reading assessment task will take place next week (Week 15). The writing task will take place in Week 17. Return of work and a check on submitted set work will be completed in Week 18, which is the last CAL teaching week for this semester.



Covid Protocols: ACT Education and Health updated guidance on COVID safety earlier this week. Details are at <https://www.education.act.gov.au/public-school-life/covid-school-arrangements/school-advice>. CAL protocols relating to COVID safety have been updated and posted to the [Programs page](#) on CAL website. Select "Policies" from the "On this page" section at the top of the Programs page.

Notifying Absences: If a CAL student is going to miss a face-to-face class, it is fine for the student to email the CAL class teacher initially, but then we need a parent to follow up with a confirmation by email. Details are in our student support policy, available from the [Programs page](#) on CAL website.

Completing set work: We are now in the last five weeks of the teaching semester (remembering that the teaching semester finishes in Week 18). Students should ensure that all set work (work done from home in between the face-to-face teaching sessions) is completed on an ongoing basis.

Guardian (parent/carer) connection on Google Classroom: We have implemented the "Guardians" connection in the class areas on Google Classroom. You will receive an email from Google Workspace, with an invitation to receive course and work information and can support student engagement with the CAL program.

Who to contact if you have a question about CAL matters: For any questions about CAL programs and arrangements, please contact us directly either via email or phone. The CAL phone number, as listed on the home page on CAL website, is (02) 6152 9140. You can contact us on this number also at times when CAL sessions are on.

CAL Budget Submission for ACT 2022-23 Budget: We are preparing a [CAL business case for the current ACT Government budget consultation](#) on plans for the 2022-23 financial year. If you have any suggestions, I welcome your thoughts.

Commencement of Term 2, posted 1 May 2022

As I wrote in the broadcast email last week, we hope you have had an enjoyable term break. We look forward to working with you in Term 2 .



Parent-teacher interviews are scheduled for Monday 2 May, except for Japanese, for which interviews will be held on Monday 9 May. Teachers will contact you about details of arrangements in each class.

Progress reports will go out to families in coming days. Please let me know if you have any questions arising.

There will be no change to COVID protocols, at least for the first fortnight of term, as advised by ACT Education on its COVID-19 school arrangements page at <https://www.education.act.gov.au/public-school-life/covid-school-arrangements>.

We are currently preparing a business case for consideration by ACT Government as part of the current budget consultation process. The CAL Advisory Panel will consider a draft of the business case at its meeting tomorrow evening. In the near future, a working version of the submission will be available via the News page on CAL website.

Best wishes to all for the new term.

ACT Bilingual Education Alliance Languages Competition, posted 11 April 2022

Sharing the joy of languages competition – Free and open to students in the ACT and neighbouring NSW from Preschool to Year 12.



To enter:

- Make a fun video (up to 2 minutes) featuring a language other than English
- Make up a story or show us a game or sport that you enjoy
- Speak as much as you can in the other language
- Involve, if you can, a friend or family member who speaks or is learning the same language
- Add subtitles in English (preferred) – or send a written translation

For details, please see [the competition flier](#). All entries must be received by the extended due date, 1 September 2022.

Canberra Region Languages Forum Update, posted 10 March 2022

The [Canberra Region Languages Forum Update for March 2022](#) has been sent out to subscribers by the Convener, Dr Mandy Scott. News items in this update include:



- Celebrating Multilingual Canberra on Canberra Day, Monday 14 March
 - Multilingual story walk, near Stage 88
 - Mother Tongue – Multilingual Poetry (Stage 2, 11:50 am tbc and 1:45 pm)
 - Multilingual Canberra: Information Stall (Stall number 4 from 10 am)
- Canberra Academy of Languages (CAL) Information Evening
- ANU College of Arts and Social Sciences Showcase
- Poetry and Story Share afternoon with Be:longing
- Free English Conversation Groups at Libraries ACT
- Supporting Community Language Schools
- ANU Language Teaching Forum

CAL Information Evening, posted 10 March 2022



The Canberra Academy of Languages will hold an online information evening via Google Meet from 6 pm on Monday 28 March 2022 for students interested in commencing studies in languages with us for Term 2, and for their families. Programs are offered in French, German, Japanese, Korean, Spanish and Tamil.

Agenda for the information session:

- Information and advice on learning languages in Years 11-12.
- Receiving credit for your languages studies towards the ACT Senior Secondary Certificate and towards the ATAR.
- How CAL's programs are set up.
- How to find current information through our online systems about programs throughout the year.
- What you need to do if you are planning to commence with us in Term 2.

To receive a link for the meeting, please email info@cal.act.edu.au.

Follow-up registration evening, posted 7 February 2022



CAL's Follow-up Registration Evening for 2022 will be held as an online meeting from 6 pm to 7 pm on Monday 7 February. CAL students who did not attend the previous session on 3 February are requested to participate. If you have not yet enrolled, please send your expression of interest to info@cal.act.edu.au, to receive a link for the meeting. CAL class sessions commence Wednesday 9 February and Thursday 10 February at Ainslie School premises. For more details about commencement of programs for 2022, see below.

In learning languages, students do have a choice, posted 2 February 2022

We have an article in City News digital edition, titled ["In learning languages, students do have a choice"](#).



The six languages mentioned in the article include Korean, which is the latest language offered by CAL, and brings to six the number of languages now taught by us.



Places are still open for students wishing to commence their studies with us. Class sessions will begin next week on Wednesday evenings (French, Spanish and Tamil) and Thursday evenings (German, Japanese and Korean).

Benefits for students who self-identify as multilingual, posted 24 January 2022

Research from Cambridge University shows benefits for students who self-identify as multilingual. According to an [article on the university's website](#), students who self-identify as multilingual perform better at GCSE. A study of more than 800 school students in England concluded that young people who consider themselves 'multilingual' tend to perform better across a wide range of subjects at school, regardless of whether they are actually fluent in another language.



Commencement of CAL programs for 2022, posted 14 January 2022, updated 23 January 2022

The CAL Registration Evening for 2022 will be held from 6 pm on Thursday 3 February. At this session, we will finalise enrolments, provide you with latest information on program plans and assessment arrangements, and demonstrate how to find current information online about programs throughout the year. This event will be held online for COVID safety reasons. Latest information on arrangements for the registration evening will be posted to the CAL Events page. **Please RSVP info@cal.act.edu.au to secure your place.**



CAL classes will commence in Week 2 of Term 1 (Wednesday 9 February and Thursday 10 February), so that colleges can finalise their in-house class allocations in Week 1 and refer students to us where needed. For scheduling details, please refer to the ["Session times and venues"](#) section of our Programs page.

In 2022, we will deliver programs in six languages – French, German, Japanese, Korean, Spanish and Tamil. In future years, other languages accredited by BSSS will be considered for delivery, with the long-term strategic goal for CAL to provide programs in as many of these as possible, except where there is already alternative viable provision (as in the case of Chinese). This means that CAL will now be delivering programs in 60% of the languages that we may consider delivering under the current senior secondary curriculum.

Best wishes to current and prospective CAL students and their families, and to friends of CAL, for the new year ahead.

CAL Charter updated, posted 14 January 2022, updated 21 January 2022

At the CAL Advisory Panel's first meeting for this year on 10 January, the panel discussed and approved an update to CAL's Charter, among other matters. The charter is included at Schedule 2 in our Articles of Association. **The charter now includes a statement that the Canberra Academy of Languages advocates language learners' rights – the right to aspire to, and to be supported in achieving, proficiency in more than one language.**



This is consistent with the first goal identified in the discussion paper (June 2021, page 70) from the Australian Federation of Modern Language Teachers' Associations (AFMLTA) on a **National Languages Plan and Strategy**: "for every student in Australia to have access to multiple language learning opportunities, including languages which are for them first, heritage and additional languages". The Australian Government Department of Education Skills and Employment commissioned AFMLTA to conduct work on the national languages plan and strategy. The discussion paper is available via a link from the NLPS website at <https://nlps.afmlta.asn.au>.



CAL Japanese Summer School, posted 14 January 2022, updated 21 January 2022

We have just completed the second week of the CAL Japanese Summer School. This is also the first time CAL has run a summer school for students preparing to continue their language studies at senior secondary level. The summer school is open to any students, whether they are enrolled for their senior secondary Japanese studies with CAL or with an ACT/NSW school or secondary college in the Canberra region.



The need for a summer school in Japanese was recognised by our teacher, Beth McArthur, who proposed that we offer a three-week program in January 2022. Our thanks go to CAL Japanese teacher Beth McArthur for this initiative and for the excellent program she has devised. It is based on key learning outcomes from the Australian Curriculum: Languages Japanese for students at completion of Year 10.



Commencement of CAL Korean program, posted 14 January 2022

As advised here on 13 December 2021, **we are pleased to confirm that our senior secondary Korean is commencing in 2022**. Korean is spoken as a first language by more than 80 million people, according to Ethnologue. It is one of the four key Asian languages for Australian languages education. We welcome highly qualified Stella Lee to teach the Korean program.



The first edition of our new Korean resources page was published on 13 December 2021 on Languages.Org.Au at <https://languages.org.au/korean/korean.htm>. Resources listed with links include guides for learners of Korean, reference sites such as dictionaries, and news and current affairs websites with a Korean focus.



Appointment of CAL Director of Studies, posted 14 January 2022, updated 21 January 2022

We have appointed Orion Lethbridge as as **Director of Studies**. We welcome Orion's expertise as a teacher of languages, English and EALD, and as a network leader in the languages field. Orion's leadership focus with CAL is on curriculum and assessment.



With Orion joining the CAL team, Ros will focus on the registrar role, which has steadily increased in extent, as numbers of students enrolled in CAL's programs have increased.

National Multicultural Festival postponed, posted 14 January 2022

ACT Government has announced that the 2022 National Multicultural Festival has been rescheduled to 2023 due to the recent COVID-19 outbreak in the ACT. The 2023 National Multicultural Festival will mark the 25th anniversary of the NMF.



For details and updates, visit [NMF website](#).

2021 End of Year Ceremony, posted 14 January 2022

We would like to thank Ainslie School and the Ainslie staff team for providing the venue for the 2021 CAL End of Year Ceremony, which was held there on Tuesday 14 December. Contributors to the program are greatly appreciated too – Rosalind Rice for her organisational expertise in finalising arrangements for the event; Dr Mandy Scott for the acknowledgement of country; Wendy Cave, Ainslie School Principal, for the welcome; Kerrie Grundy, Narrabundah College Principal, for her address from a college principal's perspective; Evy Stuart for her address from a student perspective; and Dennis Flannery for closing remarks.



Congratulations to all our students who completed their senior secondary languages studies with us in 2021. Four of them completed a minor, comprising two semesters, and as mentioned earlier, 11 have finished a major in their chosen language. Two completed the Goethe exams in German. Another student undertook assessment in Level 3 French listening and reading Australian Language Certificates with the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER). In addition, this year, one of our Tamil students received an award in the ACTBEA Languages Competition, along with an Ainslie School student.

