

- When you study a language you acquire a range of skills apart from the knowledge of the language itself, e.g. improved literacy skills in English because you learn how language 'works' and how it is structured. This knowledge leads you to have the ability to speak and write more confidently and effectively.
- There's lots of evidence from research all over the world that the study of another language helps develop your brain. We become more intelligent and more flexible and creative thinkers when we study a language!
- Studying by distance education equips you with good study skills and independent learning habits which make tertiary studies easier.
- In this global economy many of you will find work in overseas locations through moving around in a variety of industries, e.g., finance, hospitality, building services, recreational activities, IT.



There are plenty of jobs where a language opens doors, and once employed, can lead to faster career advancement:

chef, community worker, commercial or military pilot, community health nurse, diplomat, drinks waiter/wine steward, events promoter, fashion designer/agent, flight attendant, functions co-ordinator, import/export clerk, foreign affairs officer, customs officer, hotel/motel front office staff or management, journalist, opera singer, police officer, real estate agent, receptionist, recruitment consultant, sports coach, scuba instructor, tour guide, video games developer.

- Something to think about: Almost 2 billion people use English to some degree. English language skills are becoming a basic skill around the world. This means that Australians are increasingly competing for jobs with people who are just as competent in English as they are, but who possibly have one or two more languages. You don't want to be less competitive internationally. In the future national boundaries will be largely irrelevant in the business world.
- You may find it useful to know that eight universities in Australia have introduced a bonus point's scheme for students who study a language in senior school. The bonus points count towards entry into degree courses such as Bachelor of International Studies or Bachelor of Arts. These universities are: the University of Sydney, the University of New South Wales, the Australian National University, Monash, the University of Adelaide, the University of Melbourne, the University of Queensland, and the University of Western Australia. If you would like further information, contact us or speak to the Careers Advisor at your own school.
- Once you have made the decision to take on the study of a language in Stage 6 with NSW School of Languages, please consult with your school Year 11 Co-ordinator and have a browse around our website. You should then submit, through your school, an enrolment application using the enrolment package which is available from our website from the beginning of Term 3 -

www.nswschoollang.schools.nsw.edu.au

It's best to do this towards the end of Terms 3 or the beginning of Term 4. A school service fee, in the form of a school cheque, must accompany the application.

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