## Learn a language, live your dreams

### You might be at a job interview, at university, or overseas when the question comes up: 'Do you speak any other languages?'

### It doesn't matter whether your answer is 'Chinese', 'French', 'Swahili' or 'Punjabi'. If you have learnt another language, you are more open to the world, and the world is more open to you. As well as being a global citizen, learning another language demonstrates skills and aptitudes that will make you far more employable in Australia and overseas.

## Boost your CV

## Speaking another language will help you meet the challenges of globalisation, including an increasingly multilingual jobs market. Career options extend beyond the traditional areas of interpreting and foreign affairs to journalism, aid work, engineering, business, health, science, education, technology, tourism, hospitality and the arts.

## Employers in all fields value people who speak another language because they are better thinkers, better communicators and better at relating to other people.

**Open the door to new experiences**

## Travelling is exhilarating when you can speak the local language. Instead of getting stuck on the tourist trail, you are a participant in everyday life, and can make friends and find work more easily. Speaking the local language also enables you to understand nuances of a culture that are otherwise lost.

**Boost your brainpower**

## Learning another language helps develop essential areas of your brain. Research shows that it also improves your memory, concentration, creativity and problem-solving skills.

**Improve your English**

## Learning another language means more than just memorising new words. Languages all use different systems, so when you learn a language, you compare and contrast that system with English. This deepens your understanding of English and significantly improves your English language skills. It also means that you learn other new languages more easily.