

LOCAL NATIVE-SPEAKER LANGUAGE ASSISTANTS PROGRAM (LNLAP) 2022

Oakleigh South Primary School has successfully applied for a grant from the Department of Education and Training to employ a Local Native-speaker Language Assistant in 2022. The Local Native-speaker Language Assistants Program (LNLAP) places local native-like speakers of Japanese, German, Indonesian, Spanish, Chinese and French in selected Victorian government schools to enrich their provision of languages education over the course of one academic year.

Language assistants support qualified language teachers in participating schools in the development and delivery of their language programs. In sharing contemporary knowledge of their native language and culture, assistants help language students to develop their fluency and confidence in the target language while promoting greater cultural and linguistic awareness across the broader school community.

Under the program, Language assistants must perform their duties under the supervision of a qualified language teacher across a 'school cluster' such as our Oakleigh Education Plan Learning Precinct, comprising a 'base school' and up to two other, geographically proximate schools. Oakleigh South Primary School will host the language assistant once appointed as the base school for our Learning Precinct/cluster.

The Oakleigh Education Plan (OEP) is a collaborative partnership between Oakleigh South Primary School, South Oakleigh College and Huntingdale Primary School. Together, our three schools form a Learning Precinct where the diversity of our community, inclusion, student engagement, achievement, wellbeing and high-quality teaching and learning across our three schools are shared and celebrated. The LNLAP initiative is one example of the learning opportunities being offered to our students as part of the Oakleigh Education Plan.

It is important to note that while the LNLAP program guidelines stipulate that Huntingdale Primary School as a bi-lingual school is not eligible to directly engage the language assistant to participate in regular classes, Huntingdale students will be provided opportunities to participate and work with the language assistant when undertaking shared learning activities as part of the Oakleigh Education Plan. Additional support from Huntingdale Primary School staff will also be available to the language assistant.

The LNLAP initiative presents a wonderful opportunity for students to expand their language learning and interest in the program from schools has been high. We are now seeking the help of our community to identify potential candidates to fill this role in 2022. If you know of anyone who may be suitable and interested in taking on this exciting opportunity, please encourage them to contact Sumiko Ranjitkumar, Language Assistants Program (LNLAP) Coordinator at Oakleigh South Primary School for more information, including a role description and selection criteria (email preferred).

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Applications close: 4pm, Friday 5 November 2021

Commencement date: 28 January 2022