Preliminary Course Students

Why continue your language studies at Open High School?

Languages...

- **open doors to new cultures**
- **increase your employability**
- **give you a competitive edge!**

Languages – essential today, vital tomorrow!

- When you study a language you acquire a broad range of skills apart from the knowledge of the language itself. Eg, 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.
- Worldwide research indicates 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, eg, finance, hospitality, business, building services, recreational activities, IT.
- Below are some potential career options where languages are considered a great asset if not an essential tool before you would be considered for the position:

Sports coach	Video games developer/tester
Private jet sales executive	Scuba instructor
Air Force pilot	Tour guide/organiser
Hotel management	Journalist
Fashion agent	Foreign language programmer/presenter
Football analyst	Luxury yacht sales manager
Recruitment consultant	Global banking

- There are plenty of other 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, fashion designer, flight attendant, functions coordinator, import/export clerk, foreign affairs officer, customs officer, hotel/motel front office staff or management, opera singer, police officer, real estate agent, receptionist*.

- 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 now introduced a bonus points 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 the Careers Advisor at your own school.

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