



# Community Languages Schools

## Ambassador Program Student Profile



### Bhuvan Senthil

My name is Bhuvan Senthil. I attended Seven Hills Balar Malar Tamil School for 14 years and studied Tamil Continuers as part of my Higher School Certificate in 2019 and I am currently studying the Doctor of Medicine course at Western Sydney University.

Attending a community language school provided opportunities for me to gain insight into my language, culture, and heritage. Living in a multicultural society, this helped me to gain a good grasp of my identity. Meeting new people from various generations who share the same cultural heritage allowed me to gain deeper understanding of culture and learn from others' experiences.



From a young age, finding friends who were experiencing the same cultural confusions in Australia resulted in long lasting friendships that I still hold very dear. Learning language further developed my cognitive skills as well. I found myself looking at the grammatical fundamentals of English and discovered that my ability to write was improving.

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Understanding one's own heritage and culture, especially through language, can be extremely beneficial in the construction of identity and the vast array of benefits that it will have on all aspects of life.

Connecting with community through language gives you a valuable advantage in life that sometimes is only realised afterwards. Further opportunities to improve my communication skills, learn about linguistics and develop confidence are some of the many personal benefits I have gained through studying my community language.