



# Community Languages Schools

## Ambassador Program Student Profile



### Jasmeet Kaur

Sat Sri Akal (or 'hello' in Punjabi), my name is Jasmeet Kaur.

Punjabi is my community language, which is also my mother tongue. I started learning Punjabi from a young age. I completed the Higher School Certificate ranking first in NSW in the Punjabi Continuers course.

Attending community language schools throughout my learning journey has been a huge benefit for me. I was able to meet and interact with other students who spoke Punjabi. I was also able to develop fluency in speaking and understanding my language through the help of my teachers, my parents and my friends. I also enjoyed reading literature in Punjabi, which I may not have had access to if I did not attend community language schools and continue my study of Punjabi.



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I was able to strengthen my language and intercultural understanding skills through translating between both English and Punjabi. To add to that, I was able to better communicate with my extended family back in Punjab, India.

Being bilingual has strengthened my skills as well as making me a better candidate for some of the positions I have held. I have also been able to contribute to my community by

helping future HSC Punjabi students, allowing me to create a positive impact with my knowledge of language.

I would love to continue to share the benefits and knowledge that I have gained over the years with students in community languages schools today. Be it Punjabi, or any other community language, I would strongly encourage students to continue their study of language as an HSC subject. I encourage parents to support their children in their language learning journey.

There are so many great benefits from studying languages – the personal, cultural, social, and educational aspects of your life. For me, these are not limited to my school education, rather something I will take with me as I journey through life. "One language sets you in a corridor for life. Two languages open every door along the way." – Frank Smith