



Community Languages Schools

Ambassador Program
Student Profile



Mahisa Poopalasingam

My name is Mahisa Poopalasingam. I first attended Auburn Tamil Aalayam in 2003 and continued studying my language at Homebush Tamil School. I graduated in 2015 after attaining Band 6 in Tamil Continuers in the Higher School Certificate. It is an honour and privilege that I have been selected as an ambassador for the Community Languages Schools Program.

Through my experience learning Tamil, I have gained a profound understanding of the significance of cherishing and preserving this language in the modern era. During my time at my community language school, I had the opportunity to partake in many different types of competitions, exploring literature, drama, speech, dance, and debate to showcase skills that I learnt as a student of Tamil.

Being bilingual has helped me to communicate with a much wider audience in my community. Learning about the Tamil language and bringing awareness to the younger generation to understand the significance of learning the language has been an integral part of my upbringing.



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Being born and raised in Australia, learning Tamil has allowed me to understand the importance of being able to communicate within the Tamil speaking community. Being able to read, write and speak in Tamil has allowed me to expand my communication skills in different forms. Volunteering in charity organisations and events as well as growing up learning classical music, instrument and dance has increased my involvement with my community.

If I had to go back, I would tell my younger self that learning Tamil was be the best thing my parents offered me to ensure that I stay connected with my community and have lifelong friends.