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Community Language Program in Hindi

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This is to bring to your attention, and to request your support for introduction of community language classes in Hindi at Plumpton High School.

The inclusion of Hindi in the national curriculum with the release of the "Australia in the Asian Century White Paper" and the development of a K-10 Curriculum by ACARA in 2015, and subsequently the decision to develop and implement the K-10 Syllabus by NESA in 2019-20, reflects Australia's acknowledgement of India as part of Asia, and of the 21st century as the 'Asian Century'. It realises a long-held hope for the Indian community, affirming their sense of identity as Hindi takes its place alongside Mandarin as a language for student at Australian schools. It is also more meaningful for future Australians as they go on to have a more active engagement with India.

The knowledge and skill in Hindi for many remains very rudimentary and is diminishing as time goes by. By the time our children enter high school they find it difficult to even communicate with their grandparents effectively and with required fluency in any language as some of the grandparents don't have the required communication skills and fluency in English.

Currently there is no opportunity to learn the language formally at any high school even though it is being taught in the mainstream in seven primary schools.

Therefore, taking into account that Australia and India have longstanding people-to-people links, which as per the last census are growing. The Indian community in Australia numbers around 450,000 people, making it Australia's fourth-largest community group. Hindi, the world's second-most spoken language after Mandarin, is now the ninth most widely spoken language in Australia.

Plumpton High School has realised that students proficient in Hindi will also be able to effectively communicate with at least 11% of the world population, along with the fast-growing sub-continental diaspora. Expertise in Hindi would have important consequences not only for productive cultural, trade and diplomatic exchanges, but also for Australian intelligence and security. In the years to come India will be the primary services provider as it has the youngest population in the world with an average age of 26 years.

This could also lead to forming sister school partnerships with schools in India as they will not learn a language only for the sake of learning a different language as they will definitely use it at home. Written and spoken language is also a foundation skill that gives people choices and opportunities in how they live and work. With their proficiency in Asian languages, they will provide Australia an effective understanding of and links to parts of Asia. With the growing importance of Asia, there is a good chance that they will get an opportunity to use it even in their workplace.

How do I enrol in the Hindi Language Program Class?

We would be grateful if you could please complete the expression of Interest form on page 2 and email it to Timothy.Lloyd@det.nsw.edu.au or deliver it to the Front Office of Plumpton High School by **Monday 16 March 2020** if you would like your child/children to study Hindi. This will be offered twice a week **commencing on Monday 23rd March 2020 from 3pm to 5pm** so that students do not have to choose between an elective and a language.

Should you have any questions, please contact Plumpton High School on (02) 9625 7020 or email Timothy.Lloyd@det.nsw.edu.au

Regards,

Tim Lloyd

Principal | Plumpton High School | NSW Department of Education

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Hindi Community Language Enrolment

I _____ (parent name) would like to enrol my son/daughter _____ into the Hindi Class. I understand that:

- This commitment is 2 afternoons each week between 3-5pm (Monday and Wednesday during school terms commencing 23rd March 2020)
- I agree to ensure my son/daughter attends the class at Plumpton High School.
- I am responsible for my son/daughter's transport to Plumpton High School.
- I am responsible for collecting son/daughter at 5pm and no later following each lesson.

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Please provide contact details below:

Student First Name: _____ Surname: _____

Parent First Name: _____ Surname: _____

School Year (please circle): Year 5 : Year 6 : Year 7 : Year 8 :

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Mobile Number: _____

School (please circle):

- Plumpton High School
- Plumpton Public School
- Glendenning Public School
- William Dean Public School

The Classes will commence on Monday 23rd March 2020. You will be notified by email following submitting of the enrolment to confirm your place in the class.