



Community Languages Schools

Ambassador Program Alumni Profile



Brintha Srirankan

Vanakkam! My name is Brintha Srirankan, and I am honoured to serve as a Community Languages Ambassador.

I attended the Wentworthville Tamil Study Centre (WTSC) from Kindergarten to Year 12, where I developed a deep love for the Tamil language and culture. During high school, I was proud to receive the NSW Minister's Award for Excellence in Student Achievement, an encouragement that inspired me to continue my journey in community language education. After achieving a Band 6 in HSC Tamil Continuers, I returned to WTSC as a volunteer teacher. For the past six years, I have had the privilege of teaching Tamil to young learners, helping them connect with their heritage and identity.



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Born and raised in Australia, I first joined WTSC to formally learn my native language and meet peers from a similar background. While I could read and write Tamil with ease, I lacked confidence in speaking. Over time, I discovered that mistakes are an essential part of the learning process – and through practice, speaking Tamil has become my strongest skill. Today, I am proud to communicate fluently and confidently in Tamil.

Learning Tamil through my community language school has enriched every aspect of my life. It has enabled me to participate in cultural events, volunteer as a teacher and work professionally as a Tamil translator. For me, Tamil is more than a language – it is a bridge to my culture, my community and my purpose. Preserving Tamil, one of the world's oldest languages, within the Australian context is both a privilege and a responsibility.

In 2024, I completed the Foundation and Advanced Community Languages Teaching Programs with the Sydney Institute for Community Languages Education. These programs deepened my understanding of the transformative impact of community language learning and strengthened my commitment to supporting students. As a teacher, I have witnessed the growth in my students' confidence, pride and connection as they progress on their language journey.

As a Community Languages Ambassador, I am passionate about celebrating the joy and lifelong benefits of learning a community language. I hope to inspire students from all backgrounds to embrace challenges, celebrate milestones and discover the pride and opportunities that language learning brings.