



Community Languages Schools

Ambassador Program Student Profile



Vedant Virmani

My name is Vedant Virmani. I speak Hindi. In my seven years at a community language school, I really grew to enjoy the community, the language and culture that I was learning about.

Hindi has had a significant impact on my life. I have been able to give back to the community by teaching Hindi, and make many new friends. I have had the privilege to meet my cricketing idols at the Sydney Cricket Ground for the Confluence Festival, I have performed Bhangra, recited poetry at numerous Hindi Divas, met Bollywood actors and singers, organised reality TV shows, interviewed for numerous radio shows, participated in a language related charity event and have done countless more interesting and out of the ordinary things.



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All these experiences have provided me with a very good understanding of where I come from and who I am. This understanding has instilled self-confidence and has given me a greater understanding of what is important to me.

In addition to these extra-curricular experiences that learning a language has given me, studying Hindi Continuers for the Higher School Certificate benefited me academically. I was able to achieve a state rank in Hindi Continuers, which

improved my Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR) and gained university entrance to the course of my dreams.

The benefits of studying a community language can sometimes be hard for younger generations to appreciate. However, if students can understand that through languages, they can have important and unique experiences, connect with their communities and perform well in their mainstream school studies, they will be inspired to enrol in and attend a community language school.

As a Community Languages Ambassador, I truly hope to share my experiences and knowledge with future students, parents, and communities and promote language learning with my community and others.