



Community Languages Schools

Ambassador Program Student Profile



Cagla Alca

Merhaba! My name is Cagla Alca. My community language journey commenced in Kindergarten and continued right through until Year 12. I was a dedicated student at Seven Hills Turkish School during my primary school years.

One of the joys of attending a community language school was the opportunity to learn alongside like-minded peers. While I thoroughly enjoyed exploring and appreciating various cultures, there was a unique camaraderie in being around kids my age who shared not only our language but also the simplest aspects of our daily lives, from routines to food choices.



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One of the highlights of my community language experience was the vibrant celebration of our Turkish National days. These festivities allowed us to come together as a community, fostering a strong sense of pride and unity.

Being bilingual has been an invaluable gift that has significantly enhanced the quality of my life. I cannot imagine a world where I couldn't speak my mother tongue, Turkish.

The ability to communicate with my relatives in the language they know best has been an incredible feeling. It's through this language that I've connected deeply with my culture. Looking back, if I could offer advice to my younger self, I would say, "Don't complain about those Friday night language school sessions, because they will enrich your life beyond measure."

My hope is to share my profound appreciation for community language schools and enable other children to realise the remarkable advantages of being bilingual. It's a journey that not only opens doors but also bridges cultures and enriches lives.