



Community Languages Schools

Ambassador Program Alumni Profile



Karina Hunt

My name is Karina Hunt, and I studied Bahasa Indonesia at the Wollongong Pelangi Indonesia School from 2018 to 2024. As a child, I did not speak much Indonesian, as my mother feared it might interfere with my English. However, I always wanted to learn the language to connect with my family overseas.

Joining Pelangi Indonesia was my way of building that connection, and through the school, I have found not just a deeper bond with my heritage but also a new family in the school community.



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For me, the experience of learning Bahasa Indonesia went beyond just language acquisition. It helped me navigate the cultural confusion I felt as someone of mixed heritage, giving me a powerful sense of identity and confidence in who I am. The bonds I have formed with fellow students feel like sibling relationships, and the school has become a place where I feel truly at home.

Learning Bahasa Indonesia has also helped me academically. It not only improved my understanding of languages but enhanced my grasp of English as well, allowing me to excel in my studies. Being bilingual has opened many opportunities for me, both academically and socially. As I start university, I am excited about the possibility of studying abroad and connecting with people from diverse backgrounds.

Learning a second language has been invaluable to my personal growth. It has shaped who I am today, and I believe that the ability to communicate in another language offers so many benefits, from building meaningful connections to expanding academic and social horizons.