



Languages Experience Day Program – 14 July 2026

UQ School of Languages and Cultures are excited to invite year 9s onto campus for a day of fun, creativity and cultural experiences. Schools are invited to bring up to 30 students who are currently studying one or more languages.

If you have any questions about this event, please email engagement@hass.uq.edu.au.

Event details

Date: Tuesday 14 July 2026

Time: 9:30am – 2:00pm

Year levels: This event is open to year 9s currently studying one or more languages.

Location: UQ St Lucia

No lunch will be provided; students are encouraged to bring their own or can purchase food on campus.

8:30am	Registration
9:30am	Welcome Session
9:40am	Plenary opening: Language is your employability superpower <i>(30 mins)</i> In this English-language based workshop, we will explore how studying a language helps you to develop a linguistic mindset, which offers you a unique, in-demand and future ready skillset that will help you be successful in whatever career pathway you take.
10:20am	Language/ Linguistic Workshop Session 1* <i>(40 mins)</i>
11:10am	Morning Tea <i>(20 mins)</i>
11:40am	Language/ Linguistic Workshop Session 2* <i>(40 mins)</i>
12:30pm	Lunch <i>(40 mins)</i>
1:10pm	Plenary closing: A Borderless send-off <i>(30 mins)</i> We will conclude the Languages Experience Day by exploring the many pathways available to continue studying languages at university, including majors, electives, dual programs and global opportunities. This short session will highlight how language study opens doors across disciplines and careers, and how students can build international and intercultural capabilities throughout their degree.
1:45pm	Reflection, prizes and wrap up
2:00pm	Schools depart

*Please Note: Students will register their interest in **three workshops in order of preference** and will attend **two**.

Go Borderless: Languages Experience Day Sessions

There are two rounds of workshops, and each workshop will run twice.

Workshop	Title	Summary
Chinese Intermediate	Have some fun in Chinese!	This workshop is designed for students who have studied Chinese from Years 7 to 9. It is not suitable for beginners with no prior knowledge of Chinese or for students with an advanced level of proficiency. The session will include interactive activities, such as a Chinese tongue twister competition, with one group crowned the winners.
Chinese Tones	"Yēs— Yés? Yēs ? Yès!!" Chinese Tones Made Simple.	Have you ever wondered what it's like to learn a tonal language? Some people say it's difficult, but actually it's surprisingly easy. Come along to Angela's "Chinese Tones Made Simple" workshop to see for yourself! You'll be amazed how quickly you can learn to say, "Mum swore at the spotted horse." (Mā mà má mǎ.)* No previous Chinese language experience necessary. <i>*Recently voted the most useful sentence for international travellers by Forbes Business Magazine readers.</i>
French Beginners	le 14 juillet – French Beginners	The 2026 Language Experience Event coincides with the French National Day! This workshop is for students with no or very limited French. You will use your thinking skills and imagination to explore the theme of the 14th July, then (when?) and now. <i>The content for this workshop is the same as French Lower Intermediate. Please pick one based on your proficiency level. Students cannot attend both Beginners and Lower Intermediate.</i>
French Intermediate	le 14 juillet – French lower Intermediate	The 2026 Language Experience Event coincides with the French National Day! This workshop is recommended for students who have studied some French and who are happy to participate in simple activities using French (and English as a backup). You will use your thinking skills and imagination to explore the theme of the 14th July, then (when?) and now. <i>The content for this workshop is the same as French Beginners. Please pick one based on your proficiency level. Students cannot attend both Beginners and Lower Intermediate</i>

German	Learn German if you der	After a brief introduction on learning German language and culture at university, participants will work in teams (Team Germany, Team Austria, Team Switzerland, Team Luxembourg, Team Liechtenstein, Team Belgium) to solve a quiz on German-speaking cultures. The quiz includes questions related to music videos. Questions will be in English.
Indigenous Languages	Indigenous Language on the landscape	Indigenous Languages can be found all over the landscape in place names. Sometimes you need to look for clues and use tips about spelling to find them and to work out their meaning. In this workshop you'll be a language detective and find Language on the Brisbane landscape.
Indonesian	From Hello to Halo: Exploring Indonesian opportunities	Explore the official language of Australia's nearest neighbour! With over 300 million speakers, Indonesian is the easiest of all Asian languages to learn and opens pathways to careers in a wide range of areas. This is your chance to try your hand at Indonesian, to learn about Indonesia's rich culture, and find out about where Indonesian could take you!
Italian	Italy through food: Let's talk pasta!	<p>This is engaging, hands-on workshop is suitable for all students, regardless of their current level of Italian knowledge. Delivered in English with Italian content, the workshop takes students on a journey of discovery through one of the Italy's most iconic foods – pasta – while exploring Italian language and culture through its many variations. Along the way students will challenge common stereotypes and gain insight into Italy's regional diversity and cultural practices.</p> <p>Through interactive activities, students will build new vocabulary and expressions in a fun and immersive environment. The workshop caters to all levels of Italian proficiency.</p>
Japanese Introduction	Japan Travel Agent: Introduction in English	How well do you know Japan? Travel beyond sushi and samurai and learn more about regional foods, famous sights, and local mascots by becoming a travel agent and planning your own trip. <i>This workshop is delivered in English, so no Japanese language skills are necessary. The content in this workshop is the same as Japanese All levels workshop. Students cannot attend both.</i>
Japanese All levels	Japan Travel Agent: Practice for All Levels	How well do you know Japan? Travel beyond sushi and samurai and learn more about regional foods, famous sights, and local mascots by becoming a travel agent and planning your own trip. <i>This workshop is delivered for students who are learning Japanese – all levels welcome! The content in this workshop is the same as Japanese Introduction. Students cannot attend both.</i>

Korean	K-pop class (Let's dance!)	The K-pop class "Let's Dance!" introduces students to Korean culture through fun, energetic dance. Led by a professional instructor, the session is suitable for beginners and requires no prior experience. Activities are mainly in English with some simple Korean expressions, offering a lively, hands-on cultural experience.
Linguistics	Togs, swimmers or bathers? Linguistics, your guide to Australian English	Learn how to be a linguist and study the ways people talk! The words we use say something about who we are. Some people call their swimwear 'togs', other people call them 'bathers'. But what does this tell us? Through collecting and analysing data we can reveal and understand the patterns in how people use language. In this workshop you will discover some of the patterns of Australian English.
Russian	Fact or Myth? What you need to know about Russian language and culture	Would you like a head start and learn the Cyrillic alphabet and write your name in Russian? Would you like to see for yourself that you already know some Russian words? Would you like to be able to tell facts from myths about Russian culture? This workshop is open to complete beginners and enthusiasts of Russian language and culture.
Spanish	Una aventura por el mundo hispano – Spanish for All Levels	Join us in this breakout-style cultural activity through the Spanish-speaking universe. You will complete puzzles and progress by following a sequence of clues that will lead you through diverse aspects of the Spanish-speaking world. Each challenge completed provides the key to the next stage, culminating in a final discovery. This activity is interactive, culturally enriching, and designed to be accessible to learners with no or very limited Spanish. The activity also includes layered challenges for those with prior knowledge, ensuring meaningful engagement at varying levels of language experience.