



CHOOSE INDONESIAN

Why? Read on ... Employment Opportunities

Bahasa Indonesia or Indonesian is the language spoken by 270 million people in Indonesia, Malaysia and Brunei, three of Australia's closest northern neighbors. With average annual economic growth of 7%, Citibank has recently forecast that by 2020 Indonesia's economy will surpass Australia and that by 2030 Indonesia will be the fourth-largest economy in the world. This means that knowledge of Indonesian, combined with another skill or discipline, will open the door to rewarding careers in business, engineering, mining, foreign affairs, customs and immigration, the military, law enforcement, the media and education just to mention a few.

Personal Enrichment

Apart from the wide range of employment opportunities available to speakers of other languages, the study of Indonesian has other more immediate and tangible benefits. These include :



- ❖ enriching the learner intellectually, educationally and culturally
- ❖ enabling the learner to communicate across cultures
- ❖ contributing to social cohesiveness through better communication and understanding
- ❖ enhancing literacy skills in English through the learning of Indonesian

Enhances University Entrance

In recognition of the importance of language study to Australia's future prosperity and international competitiveness, the nation's eight leading universities are awarding Year 12 graduates a 10 per cent bonus on their university entry scores if they successfully complete a language other than English in their final year at school. In Queensland this equates to a 2-point bonus in OP scores.

It's So Easy To Learn

Indonesian is the easiest of languages for speakers of English to learn. It shares a common alphabet with English but, unlike English, is a phonetic language which is spelled exactly as it sounds. A student can gain a high degree of proficiency in both spoken and written Indonesian after only **500** hours of study compared to **2200** hours for other major Asian languages such as Chinese, Japanese and Korean which do not have Romanised alphabets and use character-based scripts for writing. In addition to this there are literally hundreds of cognates (words derived from English) in Indonesian which makes learning new vocabulary much easier. Can you guess what the following words mean? **Imigrasi**, **komunikasi**, **televisi**, **generasi**, **revolusi**, **administrasi** and so on. Did you notice the simple rule? Many nouns ending in '*-ion*' in English invariably ends in '*-si*' in Indonesian. Students are able to quickly internalise simple rules such as this and make the sort of rapid progress in Indonesian that is the envy of other foreign languages.



Federal Government Support

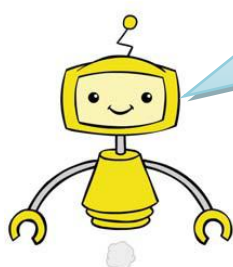
Both of the major political parties in federal politics recognise that we are living in the 'Asian century' and both have set aspirational targets of at least 20% of Year 12 students graduating with a qualification in an Asian language. This means that Government assistance and scholarships are and will continue to be provided to Australian tertiary students undertaking in-country language and cultural programs

It's Fun To Learn!

Students in Queensland now have the added advantage of being able to study Indonesian through the interactive web-based program, *New Land New Language*. This highly motivational resource is an interactive animation-based program which follows the lives and adventures of an Australian family and their hovering, zany robot sidekick, Zak, who are living in Jakarta over three years. This product which is currently being used by over 16,000 Year 8 students in Queensland is being phased in at Ormeau Woods SHS. It fully aligns with the new *Australian Curriculum: Languages* and gives Education Queensland students both the interactive and motivational edge in the study of Languages.

Want More Information?

As your child will soon be making subject selections for 2013, I would encourage you view two attached PowerPoint Presentations produced by the Australian Government and the Asia Education Foundation (one for parents and one for students) on the benefits of studying an Asian language such as Indonesian. These will assist you in having the necessary important discussions with your child.



*Hai. Nama saya Zak.
Marilah belajar bahasa
Indonesia bersama saya!*

New Land, New Language
A LOTE Learning Program