

## Welcome to the Future of Language Programs in Schools

### Why learn a foreign language?

The benefits of learning a language are significant.

Learning a language improves the neuroplasticity of the brain, it can quite literally make you smarter. The promotion of cognitive development, enhanced memory and critical thinking skills can set young Australians up to succeed. Learning another language is actually proven to improve performance in other academic areas as well and will even improve individuals' awareness of their first language.

All of those benefits are significant without even taking into consideration the value students receive in being exposed to another culture. In a world deeply affected by COVID-19 and peoples capacity to travel overseas being limited, through no fault of our own, our lives have become more insular. Yet the need to develop global citizens is more important than ever and exposure to another language and culture is vital in equipping young Australians with the knowledge, skills and values to thrive in a globalised world.

### How it works

Learning a foreign language has been a subject area that schools have struggled with for generations. When students are confined to the four walls of their classroom it is hard to remember that there is a whole wide world out there that wants to be explored.

The most exciting part of learning a foreign language is having the chance to engage with a native speaker on the ground in their home country and technology has only recently made this possible to do in a meaningful way.

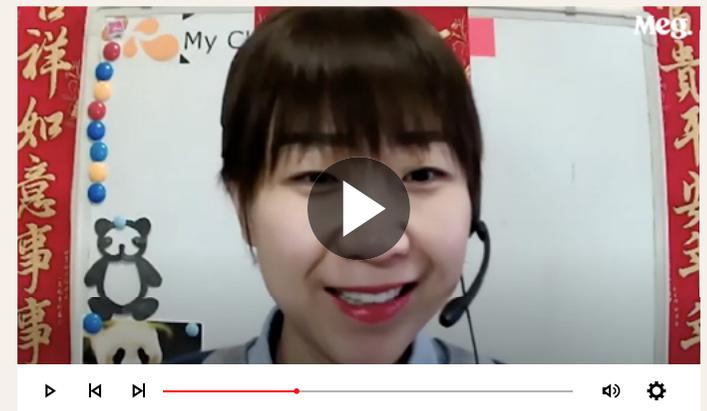
Using video-conference technology, the Meg Chinese program broadcasts its China-based teachers directly into the classroom at the same times each week for live and interactive lessons.

The result is that students are motivated by the authentic experience of learning Chinese directly with someone in Beijing. Something as simple as our team directing their cameras out the window to show the density of the Beijing skyline and the snow covered streets can provide enough motivation to change a students life forever.

Classroom teachers facilitate every lesson and go on the language learning journey with the students.

This combination of factors means the Meg Chinese program can create real life context to the importance of learning a language, a trait that has long been missing.

### Learn about Meg in 1 minute:



## GOING GLOBAL

In our commitment to nurturing the development of Global Citizens, we provide all schools that participate in our Meg Spanish program with free access to our [Going Global Initiative](#). We provide complimentary self-paced Professional Learning courses which Principals, school leadership and classroom educators can complete in their own time to put schools and the students they represent on a path to Going Global. As parents, we want the best for our children and we believe that encouraging students to be globally aware sets them up for a dynamic and successful future.



“ They’re so well organised and well planned, that every lesson is engaging and the children look forward to each week. The kids are engaged, they’re enjoying it and they’re having fun

– Brad Gaynor, Principal at Holy Spirit Catholic Primary School