

# Greek Ethnic School of St George

ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΟ ΣΧΟΛΕΙΟ ΑΓΙΟΥ ΓΕΩΡΓΙΟΥ



## 2017 Enrolment Details

The Greek Ethnic School of St George offers a range of educational services, through the teaching of primary and high school levels as well as Adult classes in Modern Greek. Education is one of the most important aspects in the service delivery area that any Community is called upon to address and the Greek Orthodox Community of St George is endeavouring to meet these needs and requests.

**CLASSES:** The Greek Ethnic School of St George holds classes at: 25 Besant Street, South Brisbane 4101

Day	Time	Classes for 2017	Commencement
Monday	3:45pm, to 6:30pm	Years 1-6	30 January 2017
Monday	7:00pm to 9:00pm	Adult Classes: Elementary, Intermediate, Advanced, Conversational Class	13 February 2017
Tuesday	3:45pm to 6:30pm	Years 7-12	31 January 2017
Saturday	9:00am to 11:45am	Years 1-10	4 February 2017

**2017 ENROLMENT DATES: Monday 23 January, Tuesday 24 January and Saturday 28 January 2017**

Students are only required to attend one of these sessions. Classes run parallel to day school terms and Student Free Days are also observed at our Ethnic School.

### Primary level (Years 1-6)

The Greek Ethnic School runs a course in the Primary sector, which is fully recognised and approved by Education Queensland. The program used is based on the Essential Learnings for Languages, which have been developed by the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority to be used in all schools in Queensland. Each term students study a theme e.g. About Me, The World Around Us, during which students are introduced to the language and grammar related to that theme. Students are taught to listen, speak, read and write in Greek on these themes. During and at the end of each theme, students participate in assessment pieces, including a culminating task, which draws in a lot of the information studied throughout the term. The topics are sequential and each unit builds on the material learnt in the previous units. Please note, students in Year 1 at their day school can enter Year 1 at Greek School.

### Junior Secondary (Years 7-10)

This is a course (theme driven) which has been specifically written to prepare the students for the Senior High School course and is constantly revised, to meet the needs of the current cohort of students. Please note, due to the small number of students attending this level, composite classes are run for these students on Tuesdays and Saturdays. In 2014, we introduced an additional high school class on Tuesdays, an accelerated class. This new class caters for students with limited or no formal study in Greek. It will run like the language courses in high schools, where in 3 years, students will have sufficient knowledge to successfully study Greek in the senior years.

### Senior Secondary (Years 11-12)

This is a fully accredited course by the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority. Students who complete this course are able to have Modern Greek included on their Queensland Certificate of Education and also allow it to be used for OP calculations. It should be noted that Modern Greek has equal weighting with all other senior subjects taught in schools.

### Senior Secondary (Years 11-12) (cont.)

There are many benefits of completing the Years 11 and 12 course. In previous years the use of Modern Greek has successfully assisted students in achieving their desired OP result. Another benefit is the Bonus Rank Scheme. By completing Modern Greek, students receive two bonus rank points. These points are used by many universities to select students for their courses.

### Other Activities

Students also participate in Greek dancing and aspects of Greek culture. The school celebrates the two Greek national days (25 March and 28 October). A concert is also held at the end of the school year, showcasing the language skills that students have acquired throughout the year.

### Greek Dancing Classes

The Greek Community of Saint George is proud to provide the opportunity for our young Greek School Students to learn traditional Greek dances. The community believes that it is an important part of our rich history and culture. This culminates in a Glendi Night during which students showcase their dancing skills. Classes are offered during the following times: Mondays - during Greek school lessons; Tuesdays - during Greek school lessons and at 6:45pm for the Senior Dancing Group; Saturdays - during Greek school lessons. The lessons are provided Free of charge (for GOC St George Members, for Non-members a \$30 membership fee applies) and are open not only to all students of the Greek Ethnic School, but to the general public who wish to participate in learning to dance. If you would like to participate, we kindly ask you to contact the Greek Orthodox Community of Saint George, Administration Offices on 3249 1000 to express your interest.

**Fees** \$ 470.... 1 child  
\$ 620... 2 children  
\$ 770.. 3 children  
\$ 50... Per extra child there after  
\$ 470... Adult classes  
\$ 30... Greek Community of St George membership  
(for non-members)

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### Adult classes

Adult Classes are also offered to Greek and non-Greek speaking adult students. These classes are held on Monday evenings, from 7 pm to 9 pm at the Greek School Building at 25 Besant St, South Brisbane). Numbers permitting, the levels offered are:

*Elementary*

*Intermediate*

*Advanced*

*Conversational*

The aim of the adult classes is to cater to adults of non-Greek heritage, who wish to learn Modern Greek or adults of Greek heritage who did not have the opportunity to learn Greek in their early years. These classes also cater for adults who wish to brush up their Greek language skills. Students are able to enter a level, according to their ability. Adult Classes were set up by the Greek Orthodox Community of St George, Brisbane to provide courses in Modern Greek for adult students whose needs were not served by secondary schools or by other institutions. In these courses the emphasis is on communicative teaching i.e. there is an emphasis on being able to communicate. This is achieved by basing all teaching on the four macro skills: listening, speaking, reading and writing (in the Elementary, Intermediate and Advanced classes) and listening and speaking (in the Conversational Class). Due to the nature of the course, it is essential that students set aside time at home to study. When learning a language, if constant practice and repetition does not occur at home, then progress is slow. Classes run 2 hours a week for 30 weeks, with the opportunity of an optional assessment at the end of each of the courses.

### COURSES

In 2017, four courses/levels of Modern Greek will be offered (numbers permitting):

#### Elementary Adult Classes

*30 weeks*

Elementary classes are for students with no previous knowledge of the language. In this course you will be introduced to the Greek Language and will begin to learn functional Greek, which can be used in everyday life in Greece.

#### Intermediate Adult Classes

*30 weeks*

Intermediate classes are for students who have completed the Elementary Course, or have a basic level of competency in the language and wish to further develop their capabilities in the language. In this course, grammar study will be extended with all four macro skills developed further.

#### Advanced Adult Classes

*30 weeks*

Advanced Adult Classes for students who have completed the Intermediate Course or who are able to achieve a satisfactory level of communication in the language. More rigorous grammatical structures will be taught, which will allow a greater capability to be able to converse in Greek on more advanced topics.

#### Conversational Classes

*30 weeks*

This is a new course that commenced in 2015. This is aimed at students with a basic command of the Greek language, who only wish to develop their listening and speaking skills. In this course minimal time will be spent on developing writing skills. But students will need to be able to read the Greek language, as all written materials will be presented in Greek. Grammar will be taught, when required, and will be incorporated in the topics studied. This course is not for students with no command of the Greek language.

For more information, please call the Community Offices on 3249 1000 or email us at [reception@gocstgeorge.com.au](mailto:reception@gocstgeorge.com.au).

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