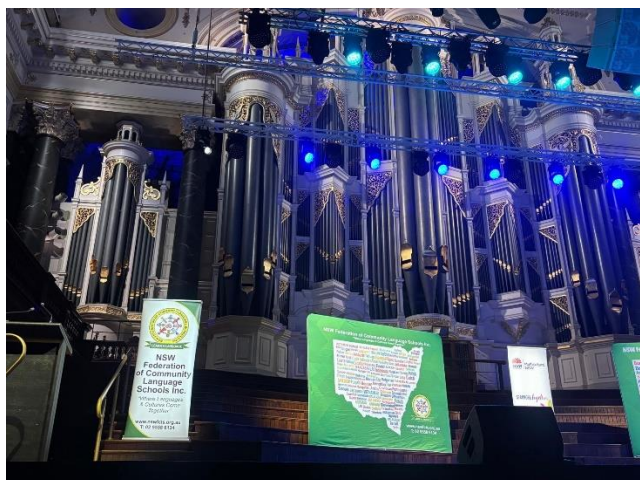




NSWFCLS Half-Year Highlights 2025. Growing Together!

Celebrating community language schools across NSW - Child Safety,

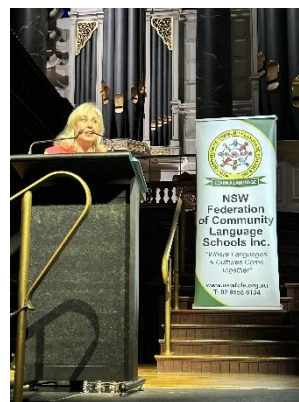
Events & Achievements.

From the President - Lúcia Johns

Dear Member Schools and Community Language School friends,

It is very exciting to know that in less than **three months' time**, we will be all together again at the Federation Gala Dinner, celebrating the end of another successful year for us all. It has been a year of growth, innovation, and deeper connections— all thanks to the dedication of our students, teachers, and the many volunteers.

[Community Languages Teachers Conference and Professional Development Training Day, Saturday 26 April 2025- University of Sydney.](#)



In April, the **Federation's Conference** reached a **record attendance (704)**. The sheer number of teachers who attended demonstrated the growing interest in teaching and maintaining community languages in NSW and in Australia more broadly.

As Australia's demographic makeup evolves — and as diversity in the workplace and beyond is increasingly seen as a strength — the demand for community language schools is expected to continue

to grow. Community language teachers are constantly seeking the most up-to-date trends in language education and finding new tools to keep students engaged. It is a win for us all.

- TeachersConference2025 [Highlights.m](#)
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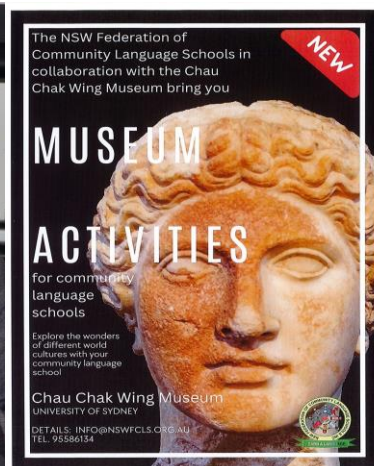


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2 - [Conference Photo Gallery Here](#)





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Community Language Schools EXTRAVAGANZA 2025



3 - Extravaganza2025 GuestSpeakers







One of the highlights of the activities organised by the NSWFCLS was the **Community Language Schools Extravaganza**. Every year, the event is a unique experience that offers us an opportunity to learn more about the different traditions of our multicultural and multilingual society.

As President of the Federation, I am very privileged to attend the many celebrations and functions organised by our member schools. it is always a journey of discovery- **It is like**



"It is like traveling around the world without leaving Sydney."

The work done every week, all year round, by the many community language schools is remarkable. Teachers and community volunteers are constantly giving their best for the benefit of their communities, and the results are incredible. *The*

Extravaganza is just a taste of what is available in our community.

Relive the magic! Watch our community language students' wonderful performances here:

- [Part 1 of 2](#)
- [Part 2 of 2](#)

The NSW **Federation Gala Dinner**, besides being a big get-together with community school friends, is also an opportunity to recognise and thank our dedicated teachers and volunteers- while also showcasing the talents of their students by participating in the art and film competition.

For many students, the competition is a unique chance to demonstrate their artistic and creative talents. Please, encourage your students to participate. It is lovely to see their happy faces when they are called onto the stage to show their work.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible in the very near future.



Important Reminders:



Dear Member Schools,

Much has been accomplished in the past eight months, thanks to the active involvement of our schools, principals, teachers, and volunteers. Together, we continue to ensure that community language education in NSW remains strong, sustainable, and safe.

Child Safety – Our Highest Priority

The safety and wellbeing of children remains at the core of everything we do. All schools must:

- Ensure **Child Safety Policies** are up to date, accessible, and actively followed.

[Student Safety & Staff Welfare Policies & Procedures Manual](#) 2024. provided by our national body, Community Languages Australia.

- Provide regular **training** for staff and volunteers.

[Self-Assessment Tool for Community Language Schools](#), provided by our national body, Community Languages Australia.

"These are not simply recommendations — they are essential obligations to protect our children and the future of our schools."

"All schools must maintain Public Liability Insurance."



For the period **31 May 2025 to 31 May 2026**, Public Liability Insurance has been provided for our member schools. This policy has been reviewed and expanded, and now includes:

- Public Liability
- Products Liability
- **Professional Indemnity (newly added in 2025)**
- Voluntary Workers Accident Cover

This more comprehensive policy also **indemnifies the NSW Department of Education**, ensuring compliance and strengthening protection for our sector.

Master Policy for Association Liability Insurance — a new layer of protection for your school's management.

Association Liability Insurance (1 May 2025 – 1 May 2026)

In response to concerns raised by member schools about protecting school management and committee members from potential risks such as:

- Inadequate or incompetent supervision
- Ineffective administration
- Inaccurate or misleading reporting or disclosure of the organisation's accounts
- Misuse of assets
- Discrimination and/or harassment
- Wrongful dismissal or termination
- Employee theft

the Federation has successfully negotiated a **Master Policy for Association Liability Insurance**.

This important new layer of protection ensures that management are personally insured in the event of litigation, and committee members are supported in carrying out their responsibilities, while providing greater peace of mind for schools and associations.

Professional Development Opportunities

Learn from the Experts – Coming Soon!

Feeling stressed, stuck, or simply tired?

Take a moment to recharge and get inspired! Revisit the brilliant ideas shared by our amazing teachers and presenters at this year's conference.

Catch up on all the Post-Conference materials:

Presentations – [Access Here](#)

Workshop Invitation:

We are excited to invite you to a free presentation organized by the **NSW Federation of Community Language Schools Inc.** in collaboration with the **School of International Studies, Macquarie University.**

 **Wednesday, 15 October 2025, 6pm at Seaview Street Hall, Dulwich Hill**

Workshop: [Supporting Minority Languages in Bilingual Children: Practical Strategies for the Classroom](#)

Presenter: Dr. Ifigeneia Dosi, Assistant Professor of Applied Linguistics, Democritus University of Thrace

Register [Here](#) – limited places available!

Learn from the Experts – Coming soon

Gain professional insights to inspire and enrich your teaching journey.

Training

First Aid Training for Educators: Your commitment to children's safety is vital.

Training Sessions – [Sunday, 28 September](#), Sunday, 26 October 2025 and,

Sunday, 23 November 2025 (final session for the year)



Stay prepared. Stay confident. Stay certified.

Finally, I would like to thank the **NSW Government, Multicultural NSW**, and the **NSW Department of Education – Community Language Schools Program** for their continued support of our Federation and our community schools.

Together, we remain committed to supporting every child, every teacher, and every community in keeping languages alive in NSW.

What's Coming Up 2025- Save the Dates!



 **Artwork & Short Film Competitions** – Entries close **Friday, 24 October 2025**

 **Expressions of Interest** – Student performances (dance troupes, instrumental bands, or musical quartets) for the **Annual Gala Dinner** - Closing date: **Monday, 29 September 2025**

 **Annual Gala Dinner** – Saturday, **22 November 2025**. *Book now – limited places available!*

*** 47 Years Teacher Award -Nominations Now Open!** Submit your nominations by **Monday, 20 October**.

Nomination Form [Here](#)



Celebrate a lifetime of teaching excellence.

Nominations Now Open! [Here](#)

Let's continue to lead with connection, respect, and purpose for the remainder of 2025.

Together We Grow Stronger!



To every teacher, principal, volunteer, and supporter — thank you for keeping language learning alive and thriving in NSW. Your passion and commitment make our community stronger every day.

Let's continue to lead with **connection, respect, and purpose** for the remainder of 2025.

Warm regards,

from all of us here at the NSW Federation of Community Language Schools Inc, Management Committee and Staff.

Equipment, resources, tools, and books are available at our office to borrow and support the running of your school or association!