



17 September 2013

Dear Parent/Carer

Stanthorpe State High School's Showcase Award Winning **Italian Immersion Program**, now in its 19<sup>th</sup> year, will again be offered to Year 8 students in 2014. This well-established program has received widespread recognition for the quality of student outcomes it produces.

The program offers students the opportunity of studying aspects of Mathematics and Science through the medium of the Italian language, in addition to the study of the Italian language as a subject in its own right. Students in this class will enjoy the benefits of being with other highly motivated students who are keen to be challenged whilst they develop very good levels of proficiency in spoken and written Italian. Every second year our school undertakes a three-week study tour to Italy, where students live with an Italian family for nearly two weeks and attend school with them, before touring a range of significant cities including Rome, Milan, Pisa, Florence, Cinque Terre and Verona.

With the introduction of Year 7 as part of the high school from 2015, the length and timing of the Italian Immersion program is currently under review. Traditionally running through Years 8, 9 and 10, students enrolling in it are expected to make a commitment to stay in the program for the duration. Of course, in the event that the program is not found to be suitable for your child, he/she may withdraw from it by the end of semester one.

Following a strong response to our call for expressions of interest in the program in Term 2, we now ask you to please **complete the STATEMENT OF INTENTION form below and return it to Stanthorpe State High School or to your child's primary school by October 18<sup>th</sup> 2013 if your child is intending to be part of this program in 2014. This will be the final closing date.** This will assist us with our planning for next year's class groupings. Please note – the lodging of this STATEMENT OF INTENTION form does **not** mean your child will be automatically accepted into the program. A selection process based upon consultation with Primary LOTE teachers, academic performance and a willingness to commit to a three-year program will occur to determine the suitability of applicants to be part of the program.

For further information or if you have any queries, please phone me on 4681 5888.

Yours faithfully

Kath Wenban  
Acting PRINCIPAL

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### STATEMENT OF INTENTION TO ENROL IN ITALIAN IMMERSION PROGRAM

**Please return to Stanthorpe State High School (PO Box 985, Stanthorpe or returned directly to the School Office) or to your child's Primary School by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2013.**

My child, \_\_\_\_\_, from \_\_\_\_\_ State School is interested in being part of the Year 8 Italian Immersion Program in 2014.

\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/2013  
PARENT/CARER'S NAME                      PARENT/CARER'S SIGNATURE                      DATE

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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