

## Beginners Indonesian

The Indonesian Beginners Stage 6 course is a two-year course, which has been designed for students who wish to begin their study of Indonesian at senior secondary level. It is intended to cater only for students with no prior knowledge or experience of the Indonesian language, either spoken or written, or whose experience is derived solely from, or is equivalent to, its study for 100 hours or less in Stage 4 or Stage 5.

Indonesia and Australia are neighbours. The study of Indonesia and its national language, Bahasa Indonesia, is therefore relevant to Australian students. Bahasa Indonesia is spoken throughout the Indonesian archipelago. Indonesia's rich and diverse culture reflects its long history at the commercial and cultural crossroads of South-East Asia. The study of the Indonesian language provides access to an important part of the rich cultural tradition of South-East Asia and provides insights into the art, music, customs, beliefs and ways of thinking of the people of the Indonesian archipelago. The ability to communicate in Indonesian enhances the positive features of Australia's culturally diverse society and helps to reinforce the ideals of mutual respect. It promotes understanding, harmony and cooperation between Australia and Indonesia. Indonesian is an accessible language for school students. It is a non-tonal language with a romanised script and regular phonetic pronunciation. The study of Indonesian provides students with opportunities for continued learning and for future employment and experience, both domestically and internationally, in areas such as public relations, commerce, hospitality, education, marketing, international relations, media and tourism.

### The Preliminary Course

The Preliminary Course has outcomes as its organisational focus. Topics provide contexts in which students develop their communication skills in Indonesian and their knowledge and understanding of language and culture.

### The HSC Course

In the HSC course students will extend and refine their communication skills in Indonesian in contexts defined by topics, and will gain a deeper knowledge and understanding of language and culture.

For more information on Indonesian Beginners visit the NESA website at:

<https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/wcm/connect/2db0c81c-268a-4e65-ac06-91aacababfb0/indonesian-beginners-st6-syl-from2010.pdf?MOD=AJPERES&CVID=>