

2015

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

MINSTER FOR EDUCATION AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

- AND -

**THE CONSUL OF ITALY
FOR SOUTH AUSTRALIA**



Government of South Australia
Department for Education and
Child Development



*Consulate of
Italy
Adelaide*

THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING dated

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MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT a body corporate pursuant to the Administrative Arrangements Act, 1994 of 31 Flinders Street, Adelaide in the State of South Australia ("the Minister")

AND

THE CONSUL OF ITALY of 398 Payneham Road, Glynde, South Australia 5070 ("the Consul")

RECITALS

- A This memorandum expresses the understandings and intentions of the Minister for Education and Child Development and the Consul of Italy in South Australia (hereinafter referred to as "the Parties" in relation to the promotion of the Italian language in South Australia).
 - B The policy context for languages education in South Australian government schools lies within the *Australian Curriculum: Languages* which is designed to enable all students to engage in learning a language in addition to English.
 - C The promotion of Italian in South Australia is pursued by the Italian Consulate through the collaboration and the financial contribution of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in accordance with the Legislative Decree n. 297 of 1994.
 - D The Parties wish to formalise their collaborative work and reciprocal commitment to maintain the continuance of the teaching of the Italian language and culture in South Australian Government Schools both in qualitative and quantitative terms.
 - E The Parties have reached agreement as to the areas in which respective resources could be provided by each Party to ensure the achievement of this objective.
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- F The Parties wish to record the agreement reached between them with respect to their commitment to maintain and continue the promotion and teaching of the Italian language in South Australian government schools in both first and second language programs, especially in geographical areas where the presence of an Italian Community is strong.
- G The Parties intend to give effect to this Memorandum but acknowledge that it does not create and must not be construed as creating a legally binding and enforceable contract.

THE PARTIES AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

1. OBLIGATIONS OF THE CONSUL OF ITALY

The Consul of Italy for South Australia will offer their support and availability to execute the present Memorandum in order to achieve the following aims:

- 1.1 the provision of current teaching materials, traditional, bi-lingual and digital, especially to those schools that will introduce Italian in the curriculum;
- 1.2 training and development of teachers of Italian through structured and organic projects of Universities or Institutes for training accredited in Italy, of Universities or Institutes for training present locally, or of organizations for educational assistance utilizing all the professional resources available at the local level with experience in the field of training;
- 1.3 the enhancement of communication and information towards the system of South Australian government schools in order to boost participation of teachers and students of Italian in all those initiatives of the Consulate that promote Italian language and culture.

2. OBLIGATIONS OF THE MINISTER

The Minister will support the execution of the present Memorandum in order to achieve the following aims:

- 2.1 the provision of training and development opportunities for the teachers of Italian in South Australian government schools which at least match those provided by the Italian Consulate;
- 2.2 the provision of resources for teachers to support the teaching and learning of the Italian language in South Australian government schools, within the requirements of the Australian Curriculum: Italian, especially to those schools that will introduce Italian as a second language and to those schools where the presence of the Italian Community is strong and it is the decision of the schools' governing council to support the teaching and learning of Italian;
- 2.3 the provision of opportunities, information and assistance to teachers and students that encourage the learning and the appreciation of the rich linguistic and cultural traditions of our two countries.

3. GENERAL

- 3.1 The exact details of the commitment of both Parties will be determined each year at a planning meeting to be held annually with the first meeting to be held as soon as possible.
- 3.2 This Memorandum will commence on the date of its signing and continue in force until 31 December 2019, unless either terminated sooner in accordance with clause 3.5 or otherwise extended by agreement of the parties which agreement shall be in writing and signed by both Parties.
- 3.3 The Parties may review and vary the terms of this Memorandum by agreement at any time during its operation. Any such variation shall be made in writing and signed by both Parties.

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- 3.4 Any dispute arising out of the interpretation or implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding will be settled amicably by consultation or negotiation between the Parties.
- 3.5 Either Party may terminate this Memorandum upon giving six months notice in writing.

EXECUTED AS A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

**THE COMMON SEAL of the MINISTER
FOR EDUCATION AND CHILD
DEVELOPMENT**)

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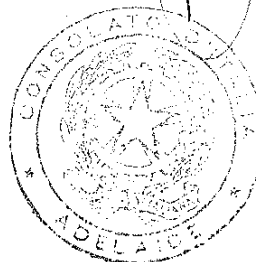
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Witness (Signature)
(Print name) *Jonny Harrison*

**SIGNED by THE CONSUL OF ITALY
IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA**)

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Witness (Signature)
(Print name) *L. D'ARCANGELO*

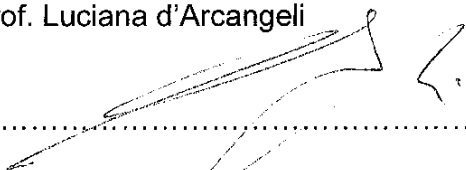
ADDENDUM TO THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT AND THE CONSUL OF ITALY FOR SOUTH AUSTRALIA

The Dante Alighieri Society of South Australia, as the managing body operating in this State in the field of Italian language and culture courses and consequently the beneficiary of financial grants assigned by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation in Cap. 3153, acknowledges the tasks specified in the Memorandum of Understanding and supports its aims. The Society is also willing to send a representative to meetings organised between the Parties, in order to plan shared activities.

Declared in Adelaide, South Australia, on *26th August 2015*....., in six original copies, three in Italian and three in English.

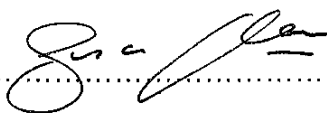
Signed by the President of the Dante Alighieri Society of South Australia

Prof. Luciana d’Arcangeli


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Signed by the Minister for Education and Child Development

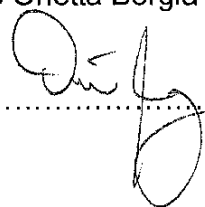
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Signed by the Consul of Italy for South Australia

Mrs Orietta Borgia


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