



# FEDERATION OF MALTESE LANGUAGE SCHOOLS INC

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FMLS Newsletter 2021-1

## NEW SCHOLASTIC YEAR

I am sure all schools are once again busy advertising the Maltese Language Classes in their community. COVID -19 has made the 2020 year a hectic and disruptive year. Some schools in NSW have embraced classes on line combined with face to face classes where permitted. Face to face classes required extra resources to comply with State COVID guidelines. In Victoria 2020 classes had to be made on line using various software. The MCCV Maltese Language classes used ZOOM. Two licences were acquired to cater for all classes.

## 2020 AGM

This year's FMLS AGM was held on the 6th December at 3 pm on ZOOM. Nominations were submitted for the Positions on the FMLS Executive. The nominations were uncontested. The following were declared elected to the positions on Federation of Maltese Language Schools Inc. Executive:

President: Edwidge Borg (VIC), Vice President Miriam Friggieri (NSW) Treasurer Fred Flask, (ACT), Secretary Patricia Grech (QLD).

The FMLS Executive is always looking for fresh team members with experience in teaching Maltese in Australia, to assist it in its endeavours to support the Maltese Language maintenance in Australia.

## RESOURCES FOR TEACHING MALTESE AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE

The Council of Maltese Living Abroad (CMLA), Secretary has forwarded the following links. We thank the Secretary (CMLA) for his endeavours:

<https://malti.skola.edu.mt/malti-barranin/il-malti-ghall-barranin-primarja/smigh-mlb-primarja/>

More material for the learning of Maltese can be downloaded from: [malti.skola.edu.mt](https://malti.skola.edu.mt) and on utube at "Agenzija Nazzjonali tal-Litterizmu".

Another interesting segment about the Maltese Language is [malti-il-bierah-illum-u-ghada](https://www.tv.mt/mt/tvmi/programmes/il-malti-il-bierah-illum-u-ghada/) <https://www.tv.mt/mt/tvmi/programmes/il-malti-il-bierah-illum-u-ghada/> this program will be available only for a few days.

If you want to share any useful resource links, please let me know and I will include them in the next newsletter.

## SCHOOLS SURVEY

Attached to the newsletter is also a form to take a snapshot of Maltese language students learning Maltese through Maltese Language schools in Australia. By now you should know the number of students registered with your schools/classes and resources. Please send this completed form back as soon as possible. Please fill in number of students learning Maltese online in a separate line and preferred software used.

## MALTESE LANGUAGE CERTIFICATE

The VCE/HSC Maltese is now not offered at Year 11 and it is the last Year for Year 12 examination for Maltese. Work is being undertaken to study the viability of replacing this certificate with another recognised academic achievement. Representatives from the various FMLS affiliated schools held a meeting Monday the 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2021 on ZOOM. A number of proposals were discussed. The meeting agreed to research the option available within the Education Department and the resources needed to sustainably offer this qualification to students wishing to achieve an academic qualification in Maltese.

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