

CAL Professional Learning Program

Teaching senior secondary languages with composite classes

Tuesday 23 January 2024

Scheduling

- > Provided by: Canberra Academy of Languages
- > When: 23/1/2024
- > Presenter: Selina Jaeck, CAL German Teacher
- > Session times: 10:00 am to 12:00 pm
- > Phone: (02) 6152 9140
- > Booking via: <https://www.trybooking.com/COHJW>



About the Event

Background/rationale

The challenges of running composite classes in languages are familiar to many if not most language teachers in Australia. These challenges are both more complex and more likely to arise in teaching senior secondary language programs, because attrition in high school language class enrolments for Years 7 to 10 often leads to composite classes for Years 11-12, and at the same time, high-stakes assessment and compliance requirements for senior secondary education add to the complexity of program delivery.

Selina Jaeck has worked with steadily increasing numbers of Year 11 and Year 12 students studying Beginning, Continuing and Advanced German under the ACT senior secondary curriculum. Selina will explore planning considerations and strategies that she has used. Examples will be explained and contextualised, so that the workshop series is accessible for teachers of all languages and all Australian jurisdictions and curricula, including International Baccalaureate (IB), if relevant for participants.

About

CAL will conduct an online professional learning session about senior secondary languages with composite classes on 23 January 2023. Registration, \$60 + GST for the session, is via Trybooking, <https://www.trybooking.com/COHJW>. For details, see <https://cal.act.edu.au/news.htm>.

For ACT teachers, this can be counted towards your teacher identified hours for TQI professional learning requirements. The online session will be held via Google Meet from 10 am to 12 pm on Tuesday 23 January.

Agenda

- > What to expect / what do you expect? Discussion
- > Classroom and lesson organisation
- > Warm-ups – communicative methods
- > Vocabulary introduction
- > Teaching grammar topics on three levels, such as past tense
 - For students in the beginning course: simple past tense
 - For students in the continuing course: perfect tense
 - For students in the advanced course: all past tenses
- > Efficient assessment preparation
- > Reflection and questions
- > For all topics, examples of possible learning apps and technology (including AI) will be shared.