

# LOTE Indonesian Highlights 2009



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## Highlights in HCC LOTE Indonesian 2009

In addition to participating in different classroom lessons and activities, the students have enjoyed the opportunity to participate in **Indonesian cultural excursions** such as watching an Indonesian Movie called "Laskar Pelangi" ("Rainbow Troop") at Wesley Senior College Theatre; enjoying eating a delicious Indonesian lunch at the 'Nelayan Indonesian Restaurant' in Glenferrie; and shopping in an Indonesian mini-mart in Melbourne.

During the **LOTE Indonesian Day** at the College in September 2009, students also enjoyed learning and participating in a range of Indonesian cultural activities such as: a 'Crazy Mask Dance'; learning an Indonesian traditional martial art named 'Pencak Silat'; playing in a traditional music orchestra with 'Gamelan' instruments; and they then performed what they learnt in front of the whole student body. The entire student body also enjoyed watching an Indonesian cultural shadow puppet performance known as 'Wayang'.



A few different **guest speakers** were also invited to the College to speak on different topics related to Indonesia and learning Indonesian that was of value benefit for all the LOTE Indonesian students.

## Benefits of Learning a Language Other Than English (LOTE)

Learning another language gives students many benefits such as improving literacy and communication skills, broadening their future employment choices, and developing problem solving skills that are very useful in every aspect of life.

Learning other languages also helps to build bridges of understanding between cultures, contributes to international diplomacy, promotes national security and facilitates engagement in international trade to name but a few.



**These are all fantastic outcomes that learning a Language Other Than English (LOTE), such as Indonesian, can provide!**



**Overall, 2009 was an exciting & memorable year in HCC's LOTE Indonesian Department.**

**Thank you to all the Indonesian students and the whole school community who made this year a memorable one!** 😊

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