

Culture and Language



The Goethe-Institut (GI) is a non-profit German cultural institution operational worldwide, promoting the study of the German language abroad and encouraging international cultural exchange and relations. The GI fosters knowledge about Germany by providing information on German culture, society and politics. This includes not only the exchange of films, music, theatre, literature, and the like, but also the values of civil society.

→ www.goethe.de/australien

Economy



The **German-Australian Chamber of Industry and Commerce** (GACIC) provides network opportunities for its members and encourage companies here in Australia and in Germany to conduct business. Since its foundation in 1977 the German-Australian Chamber has become an important partner in fostering bilateral trade between Germany and Australia. One of their main objectives is to advise German and Australian companies on market development and to support them in the initiation of business relations.

→ <http://australien.ahk.de/>



The **Australian German Association** (AGA) exists for the strengthening of economic, trade and cultural cooperation between Australia and Germany. The AGA was formed in 1974 on the initiative of a group of senior Australian business people who recognised the growing economic significance to Australia of the Federal Republic of Germany, especially in areas of trade and investment. Its members are primarily senior people in business and the arts.

→ <http://www.aga.org.au/>

Education



Association of German Teachers of Victoria Inc.

Association of German Teachers of Victoria (AGTV) is an incorporated non-profit association with the purpose to promote the teaching and learning of German in Victoria. The AGTV offers support to all teachers and students of German on matters of concern, tries to foster contact by teachers and students with speakers of German in the community and abroad, and encourages and facilitates travel abroad by teachers of German and their students.

→ <http://www.agtv.vic.edu.au/>



DEUTSCHE SCHULE MELBOURNE
A German International School

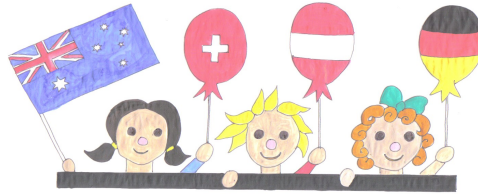
Deutsche Schule Melbourne (DSM) - A German International School is a new bilingual (German-English) school in North Fitzroy, Melbourne. The vision for children at DSM is “to live and learn two cultures”, preparing the children to become involved citizens of an increasingly global world. The school caters for families with German language connections, as well as those who are interested in providing their children with the opportunity to learn a second language as a “mother tongue”.

→ <http://www.dsm.org.au/>



The **Spatzenschule** is a German native speaking programme within Toorak Primary School. Their aim is to teach children with a German background (ages 4-11) within an Australian state primary school. German native primary school teachers teach basic language skills such as reading, writing and oral expression.

→ <http://www.spatzenschule.org.au/>



Alle Munchkins Inc. – German speaking Families in the West is an incorporated parent initiative, which aims to promote the happy raising of German-English bilingual children. For this purpose 3 types of children’s groups, which foster age-appropriate language and social development under professional pedagogical care, are organized. The groups meet at or in the vicinity of the Williamstown Community Centre on a weekly basis. Active German speaking background and appropriate parent involvement are prerequisites to the participation in the programs.

→ Further information via request at: alle munchkins@yahoo.com.au

Student- Youth-Exchange



German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) is an internet portal on higher education in Germany. They provide up to date information on studying, research and living in Germany. The DAAD is a respected intermediary organisation and offers a great variety of scholarships. As a student, you can benefit from Germany's high-standard and world-wide recognised tertiary education system or experience the strongest European economy through internships in German companies.

→ <http://ic.daad.de/sydney/>



Founded in Melbourne, Victoria

The Society for Australian-German Student Exchange

The **Society for Australian-German Student Exchange (SAGSE)** awards scholarships to Australian Secondary Students each year for a 10 weeks exchange (host family, school) to Germany during their summer holidays, and in turn to German Secondary Students, who stay 10 weeks with a host family and go to school in Australia during their long vacation in the months of July / August. The exchange program aims to give young people an insight into the language, the foreign culture, and to build friendships between the youth of Germany and Australia.

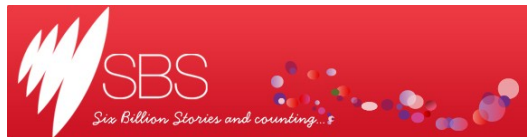
→ <http://www.sagse.org.au/>

Media



The website **Deutsche in Melbourne** is a Online Gateway to the German community. Germans who live and work in Melbourne or prepare for their stay here as well as Australians interested in German culture, activities and business are able to get information regarding live and work in Melbourne in general and in particular with a German focus quickly and easily. The site offers institution, organisations and clubs the opportunity to promote events with German aspects in the event calendar to a broad community.

→ <http://www.deutscheinmelbourne.net/>



The stated purpose of **SBS** is "to provide multilingual and multicultural radio and television services that inform, educate and entertain all Australians and, in doing so, reflect Australia's multicultural society". SBS Radio broadcasts in 68 languages in all Australian states, while SBS Television devotes a significant part of its morning television schedule to news bulletins in languages other than English, including the German News from DW-TV.

→ <http://www.sbs.com.au/>



Die Woche in Australien is Australia's only German weekly paper.

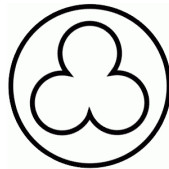
→ <http://www.woche.com.au/>

Churches



The **St. John's German Lutheran Parish** is one of two German speaking Lutheran congregations in Melbourne. It was founded in 1960 by immigrants from Europe, who settled in the area of Springvale to work in nearby factories. Although its members mostly are from European backgrounds who speak German, the congregation welcomes everyone.

→ <http://www.stjohnsgerman.com>



The **German Lutheran Trinity Church** is a vivid and inviting congregation in the heart of Melbourne since 1853 . It is a home away from home especially for German speaking people of all age groups. They celebrate worship services and get together for social functions, like bible studies and film nights and are always happy to welcome newcomers.

→ <http://www.kirche.org.au/>

SANKT CHRISTOPHORUS DEUTSCHSPRACHIGE KATHOLISCHE GEMEINDE

St. Christophorus in Melbourne is one of the globally connected German speaking catholic communities abroad. The creation of this community dates back to the end of World War II. During the sixties, the community grew and built a church and a hall. The community is also open to newcomers, people who arrived recently, people who work temporarily in Australia, for visitors and tourists.

→ <http://www.sanktchristophorus.org/>



The **Temple Society Australia** (TSA) is an independent Christian community. They continue a strong connection and close contact with their sister community the Tempelgesellschaft in Deutschland e.V. in Stuttgart-Degerloch. The Temple Society's origins are in south-western Germany and date back to the 1860s. A significant proportion of its members has a German-speaking connection and/or background, and they are proud of their German heritage and culture. The Temple Society Australia welcomes everyone.

→ <http://www.templers.org>

Clubs



Founded in 1954 in Melbourne, the **Australian-German Welfare Society** (AGWS) is available to German-speaking migrants or people of German origin or background who need assistance in emergency situations or after accidents, with personal or family problems, during illness as well as with job and housing queries.

→ <http://www.germanwelfare.org.au/>



The **German Club Tivoli** in Melbourne Australia, one of the largest German Cultural Organizations and home of ethnic Germans in Melbourne and Victoria. With more than 1,000 members, Club Tivoli is dedicated to the preservation of German culture through song, ethnic dance, and the development of German language skills.

→ <http://www.germanclubtivoli.com.au/>



Die Bruecke (the Bridge) is the umbrella body for German speaking clubs and associations in Australia and New Zealand. The primary aim of Die Bruecke is to act as a bridge between clubs, club members and the wider Australian community. Die Bruecke also seeks to maintain the bonds with members' original countries in order to keep alive and cultivate the use of the German language and the best cultural traditions of members' countries of origin.

→ <http://www.bruecke.com.au/>