

Coming Together, Staying Together for Greek

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Greek at Clemton Park Public

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This presentation discusses the set-up of the Greek Language Program at Clemton Park Public School, where Modern Greek is taught from Kindergarten to Year 6. The presentation also introduces the ICT and websites used to reinforce and assist in the teaching of Greek and demonstrates examples of art and craft resources used for immersing the students in language learning, Greek History and Culture.

Angela Spanos Vasiliou is a Greek Community Language Teacher Specialist at Clemton Park Public School. She has been teaching Greek and ESL in NSW private and public schools for over 16 years. Between 2008 and 2017 she held the Principal's Position for St Nectarios Greek Schools, Burwood. Angela also worked as a journalist, editor and radio program producer for the Greek community media until 2004. Being a second generation Greek in Australia herself, Angela has a vested interest in improving the teaching and learning of a second language with particular interest in developing students' communicative ability, reading and writing in a systematic way. Passionate about the learning and teaching of Greek, Angela has a strong interest in student retention, engagement and motivation at all levels of learning and is always looking for more effective strategies, techniques, and technological approaches.

Stamatia Spanos studied Modern Greek and English Literature (BA) at the University of NSW. She further continued with a Masters in Teaching at Sydney University. She is currently teaching at Clemton Park P.S. as a Greek Language Teacher (2002-2018). Between 2002 and 2007, she was involved in HSC Marking for the Modern Greek Continuers and Extension course. She also worked as a Greek Language Teacher at Saturday School of Community Languages (2000 - 2008), Kingsgrove North High School (1997 – 2002) and Aristotelis Greek School (1991 – 2003).

Anna Skribias is a proficient educator with twenty eight years of Community Language teaching experience and is currently teaching at Clemton Park Public School. Her first teaching position was in 1988 at Maroubra Junction P.S. where she initiated the Greek Program. Between 1991 and 2007, she taught at Belmore North P.S. She also worked at the St George Girls Saturday School of Community Languages teaching Modern Greek (2008 – 2011). She was awarded an Endeavour Language Teacher Fellowship scholarship to Greece. Anna is actively involved in the Greek community with AHEA (The Australian Hellenic Educators' Association) which is a state wide body of educators involved in Hellenic Studies, predominantly in Modern Greek Language and Culture, at the primary, secondary and tertiary levels. Her aim as an educator is to support students in expanding their knowledge of the world through language and culture.