



Our language, literature, arts and culture are at the core of Bhutanese Nepali identity.

"If you talk to a man in a language he understands, that goes to his head. If you talk to him in his language, that goes to his heart."

- Nelson Mandela

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THE SCHOOL OF BHUTANESE NEPALI LANGUAGE & CULTURE



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About our school

SBNLC is a non-profit community school offering Nepali language to students in South Australia. Founded in 2012 by the local Nepali-speaking Bhutanese community, our goal is to help families maintain their traditional language, literature, arts and culture.

We preserve and promote the language and cultures of Nepali-speaking communities through a weekend language-based school that focuses on fun, positive relationships and culture.

Since it was founded in 2012, SBNLC has been a member of the Ethnic Schools Association of SA, an umbrella body representing ethnic school authorities operating in the State. In its early days, the school was known as the Bhutanese Ethnic School, under the auspices of the Bhutanese Australian Association of South Australia. In July 2019, the school became known under its current name.

Our vision

To become a world-class institute promoting Nepali language and culture in diaspora.

Our values

- We have unity in diversity (hamro bibidhatama ekata chha)
- We respect and progress together (hami ek aapas lai samman gardai pragati garchhau)
- We live and celebrate in harmony (hami sadvab ma bachhau).

Our mission

The school aspires to:

- lead the teaching and learning of Nepali language and dialects through innovative, quality language programs
- keep the cultural diversity of Bhutanese Nepali communities at the heart of learning programs
- empower a new generation of Nepali-speaking children in our community to explore their potential, broaden their global perspective and strengthen their connections with art and culture.

Welcome to our classes

The school is held on Saturdays at the Salisbury Primary School, 10 Compuda Street, Salisbury (northern Adelaide suburbs).

Our students

We have about 150 students, supported by 45 teaching and non-teaching volunteers. We welcome children of any age group from Kindergarten to Year 12.

We welcome any volunteers to our community school. We would not exist without the dedication, effort and commitment shown by our volunteers.

SBNLC offers classes throughout school terms to students aged from Reception to Year 12. Classes are held once per week, every Saturday from 10.30am to 12.30pm.

Entertaining school activities to make learning fun

Our students have opportunities to participate in different forms of fun activities to keep them entertained, while at the same time learning new skills in Nepali Bhutanese language and culture. Activities include:

- music and dance classes every week
- literature writing and poem reciting
- art – including an exhibition
- celebrating festivals and historical events
- quizzes and drama.

