

Dear parents, guardians and school community,

It's a wrap for 2024! On behalf of teachers and the school committee, we would like to say **thank you!** Enjoy your holidays and stay safe over the break. For those students leaving us this year, **congratulations** on finishing the year and we wish you all the best!

We will be back for Term 1 Welcome Day on **Saturday 1 February 2025**. Until then, Sretan Božić i uspješna i sretna Nova godina!
You can find all our 2025 term dates on the website [here](#).

End of Year celebration

What an amazing event to finish off the year! A testament to our wonderful students, teachers and families for helping putting on a brilliant event! Congratulations to all our raffle winners and importantly to all our wonderful sponsors and raffle donators; **Slavonija Deli, St Albans Dinamo FC, Mladi Hrvati, Gospic Bears, ACCS, Granny's Burek, Major Minor, Ranka Rasic, Koko Hair Styles and Peros Wines + prizes donated by our teachers and families.** Our event was featured in the [Hrvatski Vjesnik](#) on 29/11/23.

Access the gallery of photos here: <https://dragasphotos.pixieset.com/croatianschool2024eoyperformance/>

CLV Conference - staff professional development day

Darko, Kreso and Sally attended the annual Community Languages Victoria (CLV) conference which ran workshops like: Nurturing language communities, Engaging the parents and families in language learning and Student-centred approaches to language program design, amongst many other topics. It was a great day, and you will start to see our learnings filter through the school in 2025.



Reaccreditation for 2025-2027

We are still waiting for the official email, but we hope to hear about our re-accreditation from the Victorian Department of Education (VDET) for 2025-2028. This process is required to be completed every 3 years and ensures that our school receives some funding to run our curriculum and pay teachers each year.

Events

It may feel like a lifetime ago, but it's worth mentioning these again!
Our **Palačinke Cafe** was featured in the Vjesnik in September and what a day it was! Due to its success, this will become a regular feature in the school calendar.



We had 10 of our students enter the **Association of Croatian Language Teachers in Victoria Poetry Competition** in October. We are so proud of those students who performed so well. Congratulations Maya, Eva, Victoria, Valentina, Kristijan, Milan, Billy, Ines and Louis! We'll be back again in 2025.

Dan Kravata - the 18 October was a fun day learning about this iconic Croatian invention that is used worldwide. Our junior class in particular worked on a project and learned how to tie neck scarves and traditional ties during the day. Fun fact: did you know that there are 177,147 ways to knot a tie?

2025 Enrolments

2025 enrolments are **now open!**
You will find the form on our website here <https://www.croatianschoolmelbourne.org.au/enrolment>

Please pass this information on to any families who may be interested in joining our school in 2025 or get them to reach out to our inbox for any questions. To get in before the rush, please submit your forms early to ensure you are allocated a spot.

2025 Fees

A reminder that we have increased our student fees for 2025. If you have any concerns, please reach out to our staff to discuss. Below is our new fee schedule.

	If enrolled before 16 March 2025 (and eligible for VDET funding)	If enrolled after 16 March 2025 (or not eligible for VDET funding)
1 Student	\$370 (previously \$345)	Plus \$240
2 Students or more (family total)	\$590 (previously \$550)	Plus \$240 per student

Parent's Survey

Thank you to those that have provided feedback in our 2024 parent's survey. We appreciate the time taken and will be reviewing comments to incorporate for the 2025 year. Some of these include topics for the curriculum and other activities for children to participate in.

School merchandise

We are pleased to announce that we have received new stock of our regular school shirts and a new addition to our range with our youth and adult navy hoodies. We will have these items available for purchase at our Welcome Day, we hope you like them! We'd like to thank Ron at Formula Screen Printing for her generous offer to print these for us.



Volunteers update

Volunteers play a vital role for our school. Can you help us in 2025? Reach out if you are interested in being involved in any way or would like to join the Committee. To participate you are required to have a Working with Children Check (WWCC), available through this website <https://service.vic.gov.au/services/working-with-children>.

As a Volunteer it is **free** to register and 'many hands make light work' as they say.

Housekeeping

The school will be closed over the school holidays, any items left in classrooms will be available to pick up in 2025. We will retain the WhatsApp and email distribution list and provide important updates in the lead up to the start of Term 1 for enrolments.

Child Safety Policy

Croatian School of Language and Culture Melbourne is committed to the Victorian Child Safe Standards & acknowledges that Child Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. The school's Child Safety Policy and Code of Conduct is on our [website](#).



Below are some photos from the Poetry competition, Dan Kravate and End of Year performance. We're so proud of our students and congratulations to all involved for creating these wonderful events!







Thanks!
Hvala!