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### Enrolments open for children's Italian classes

The Co.As.It. **Out-of-School Hours (OSH) Italian Language and Culture program** for **children aged 5 to 18 years-old**, is now taking enrolments for 2010. The new term starts during the **first week of February 2010** and is offered at 19 locations around NSW.

Venues in the Sydney metropolitan area include: Ashfield, Castle Hill, Connell's Point, Earlwood, Epping North, Five Dock, Georges Hall, Gladesville, Harbord, Leichhardt, Miranda, Paddington, St Johns Park, Waverton and Westmead. The course is also offered in Newcastle and Wollongong.

There are over 600 students currently enrolled in this program state-wide.

The OSH Italian Language and Culture program is designed for **children of both Italian and non-Italian background** and caters for **all levels, from beginners to advanced** learners. The classes are **fully conducted in the Italian language** and combine both language and cultural components.

This program, which is available to students for only \$275 for the year, is partially funded by the Department of Education: Community Languages and the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Discounts are offered to siblings who also enrol in the program. **Students who enrol online by 31 December 2009 receive a \$20 discount and automatically enter the draw to win a new iPod Nano (first prize) valued at \$200.** The second and third prizes consist of some fun learning resources from the Italian Multimedia Resource Centre.

Co.As.It. stands for Comitato Assistenza Italiani (Italian Association of Assistance). It has been working for 41 years to enhance the quality of life of the Italian-Australian community in NSW, and to promote the Italian language and culture.

For more information or to enrol in the OSH Italian Language and Culture program, visit [www.coasit.org.au](http://www.coasit.org.au) or call Co.As.It. on 9564 0744.

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