



**MEDIA RELEASE**

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**Co.As.It. revamps Italian Language Program**

Co.As.It., the Italian Association of Assistance, is launching a new Italian language program for adults based on a European Certification Framework. The new program, which starts in February 2010, offers 25 graded modules based on the six main levels recognised by the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages.

The new structure enables students to take their Italian studies much further with optional examinations that provide them with certification to study at a tertiary level in Italy. Co.As.It. is one of only a few centres in Australia that conducts these examinations.

The program overhaul is a significant milestone for Co.As.It., who has been conducting Italian language classes for 15 years. Because of the restructure, all previous and new students need to complete a new self-assessment test to assist with determining the most appropriate module for them in 2010. This test is available online at [www.coasit.org.au](http://www.coasit.org.au).

The new courses, which will still be held at Casa d'Italia 67 Norton Street, Leichhardt, also offer more learning resources. Access to Interactive whiteboards in classrooms enables teachers and students to use live internet-based media and tools. Each module also includes 12 hours of online study materials to supplement classes.

Courses are suitable for those who wish to learn Italian for travel or for further academic study. The communicative learning methodology applied in class puts the focus on speaking the language from the beginning of the course. Students are immersed in the Italian language through real-life scenarios.

Each term runs for nine weeks, and consists of weekly classes of two hours each. The course fee is \$275, and students who enrol online by 15 January get a 5% discount.

Term one starts on 6 February 2010. To enrol or see the full program outline, visit [www.coasit.org.au](http://www.coasit.org.au) or call Laura or Maria on 9564 0744 for more information.

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