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## From the Manager's Desk

I would like to extend a very warm welcome to our new students and a special welcome back to returning students. You will enjoy reading the profiles of the students written either by themselves or by another student. Our small classes are helping us to get to know each other better and form good relationships.

Over the past few weeks, the word that has continued to come to my notice is TRUST.

Our students are far from home, in the most unusual situation of a worldwide pandemic and learning a language that is not their own. All of this invites them to trust, to trust their formators and communities, their teachers, our government and health workers. Placing trust in another is not easy; it takes a great deal of courage and a fair amount of faith, none of which is easy when much of the future is unknown. I find myself expecting that students will trust that our teaching methods work, even when they are very different to those they have experienced in their own countries, and that the content we teach will have them ready for their next step in life and ministry.



We ask them to trust that praise and encouragement will bring results alongside a healthy dose of corrections; that learning online can have benefits and that they will learn and make progress. I don't profess to have the recipe for building trust but I do believe that transparency is a foundation; students need to be clear on what is expected of them and how they can succeed. As well as good communication, another key to building trust is the ability to build strong relationships that support mistakes and successes, highs and lows and the slow growth of belief in one's self. The Staff at ELSPM are committed to supporting the students and their religious communities in this endeavour. Let's continue the journey together.

## Congratulations to Rio

**Very successful IELTS results  
due to hard work and  
dedication.**

**Gaining an IELTS 7 Academic  
is a really great  
achievement so now Rio is  
off to Perth as a postulant  
hopefully once Covid  
restrictions allow travel  
from Sydney.**

**We hope to see you back in  
Melbourne in the future!**

**Well done indeed!**



## Reflection

### Beginnings

New beginnings...ELSPM  
Small in number, new classes  
Eager to learn,  
Tricks of English Language  
Online learning, occasional face to face,  
Together we'll succeed,  
Hearts full of hope, energy abounds,  
Walking in God's footsteps,  
In Semester Two 2020.

Patricia Keogh rndm

## Introducing Pre-Intermediate

My Name is **ERNA MARIANA** and I come from Flores, a small island in Indonesia. My family lives there. I live in Makassar, south of Sulawesi. I belong to the Sisters of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Congregation.

If I have free time I read the news and I love reading novels.

My favourite author is Paulo Coelho.

I don't have any favourite food but I like to drink coffee



I am **VERA** beloved by God.

I belong to the Missionary Sisters Servants of the Holy Spirit. I was born and grew up in a catholic village of China. I have three brothers and one sister. I love writing, reading, drawing, thinking, sporting and cooking... when I have free time. My favourite food is kinds of noodles.

My name is **OANH**. I come from Vietnam and I belong to Our Lady of the Missions congregation. My congregation has two communities in Australia. These are in Melbourne and Perth. And now I live in Melbourne with three sisters. I am learning English to be able to prepare for my final Vows.

I like reading and walking. When I have free time, I also enjoy it. I love travelling and I always take some photos to keep memories about anywhere I have opportunities to visit. I am really happy living in Melbourne because it is the Greenland. The means there are a lot of trees and green parks here. For me, it is a beautiful place to live and study.

I am happy learning English at ELSPM. This semester, I am a student in Pre- Intermediate. My teacher is Mary. She is a good teacher so I enjoy her lessons so much. I also love my classmates Mariana, Vera, Francois and Erna Mariana who is a new student. If I have another opportunity to choose a city to live, I will choose Melbourne city again.





My name is **FRANCOIS**

I am a catholic: born catholic, raised catholic and staying catholic. I am a religious and currently a transitional deacon from Congo-Africa. Now I belong to the Diocese of Sandhurst, Victoria, Australia where I am preparing for the priesthood and waiting for my incardination. And to do that, I also must learn English. Therefore, I study at ELSPM. So, I am very happy.

Thanks be to God.



**MARY**

Elementary/  
Pre-Intermediate  
teacher



Hello, my name is **MARIANA MARIA**. I'm from Indonesia. I belong to the Congregation of the Sisters of Jesus Mary and Joseph (SJMJ). I'm really happy and grateful to become a sister of JMJ.

At the moment, I am living in the Holy Spirit Sister Community in Kew. Now, I'm working hard to learn English Online at ELSPM but I enjoy doing it because my sisters, teacher and friends always support and encourage me to learn.

I love spending my free time by listening to music, reading a spiritual book and singing songs. I am an ordinary person with a blessed heart☺. Also, I love so much to drink coffee without sugar and eat bitter chocolate. That's it. Now, you know who I am. Thank you so much.



# Introducing Intermediate with Q &A

1. What is your name?
2. What is your nickname?
3. Where are you from? (Country and congregation)
4. What is your favourite food?
5. What are you looking forward to doing after lockdown?
6. Who is your favourite Saint? Why?
7. What do you think of Melbourne weather?
8. If you could have any five people to your last supper, who would you invite?
9. What to you like to do in your spare time
10. The most important thing in life is...

My name is **XUECHUAN**.

I don't have nickname.

I come from China and I belong to Redemptorist Congregation.

Fish is my favourite food.

I'm looking forward to meeting my teachers and classmates face to face at YTU.

St Alphonsus is my favourite saint, because he pointed out the aim of evangelizing is helping people to realise God's love.

In my opinion, Melbourne's weather is like children's moods—very easy to change.

I would invite the people who are in our intermediate class and the two other Chinese sisters to supper.

I like to watch some comedy movies and play table-tennis in my spare time.

I think the most important thing is to choose our life-style.



My name is: **BLASTIANA YASINTA**

My nickname is: **YASINTA**

I am from Indonesia – Flores and I belong to the Holy Spirit Sisters (SsPS)

My favourite foods are rice, potatoes, fried fish and some vegetables.

I want to come to ELSPM, come to mass in the Church in the City and meet all people outside of my community.

My favourite Saints are Arnold Janssen and St. Joseph because their lives encourage me to take responsibility for others with simple things, with prayer, but real in actions.

Melbourne's weather is so amazing I can't imagine one day having four seasons but I really enjoy it now.

I would like to invite my friends, parents and neighbours to supper.

I like doing exercise, gardening, listening to music - karaoke, learning more English by You tube, collecting some English stories and trying to edit videos.

The most important thing in life is to share each other and spread more love and kindness.



My name is **THI UT**

My nickname is THU UT

I am from Viet Nam. I belong to the Our Lady of The Missions Congregation.

My favourite food is beef noodles.

I am looking forward to meeting my friends face to face directly after lockdown.

My favourite Saint is St. Therese of the Child Jesus because I love her virtues.

I think Melbourne's weather is very interesting because it has four seasons in a day.

If I could invite any five people to my last supper, I would invite my parents and my siblings.

In my spare time I like to watch a movie or work in my garden.

The most important thing in life is to LOVE.



My name is **SHAOPEI**

I don't have a nickname

I come from China; I belong to the Most Holy Redeemer congregation.

My favourite food is seafood.

I am looking forward to going swimming

My favourite saint is Alponsus, because I like his life and teaching.

I just came to Melbourne three weeks ago so I have never spent summer here, but winter is so cold.

I will invite my parents, sister and niece to supper.

I like to read books, listen to music and go swimming.

The most important thing in my life is my choice to join the Redemptorist community.



**Jackie**

Intermediate teacher



## IELTS Class

As we have begun the class we are learning new things every day preparing for IELTS. So far, as we learn we are not using the phone for vocabulary. That is a challenge and a chance as well to practise IELTS.

We enjoy our class with the help of Margaret Hughes.

**AUNG SENG JA**



**Margaret**  
IELTS teacher



The time is so quick, I have studied English for one year and a half. In the beginning, my mobile phone was like my best friend as every day I checked new words many times, sometimes only one word but I needed to check and check, because I could not remember it. I was disappointed and sometimes I thought how can I not use my mobile phone to check new words, I was very happy because I checked new words and then I wrote Chinese words near them. Sometimes I tried to use an English dictionary, but I didn't clearly understand the meaning. So I used a Chinese dictionary and I understood clearly.

Now I am preparing for IELTS, my teacher said to us that for IELTS we couldn't use a mobile phone to check words. On the first day I felt very stressful and I thought I only have less vocabulary, how can I understand, but my teacher told me, if you don't know any word you can ask me. This team is very lucky, my class has two of us, so when I don't know any word, I ask my teacher and she uses other words that have the same meaning and I can understand words. Suddenly I felt that this way, I also can understand clearly.

My homework was writing a letter, I tried to write in my own words. When I didn't know some words, I thought to use other words. It was also nice, but I used longer time. I believe little by little, I will be doing well.

Eventually I am going to thank all you teachers for helping and encouraging me.

May God bless all of the teachers.

**Weina**

*Sometimes we have to be cruel to be kind!*



## EAP Class

I am Peter Zin coming from Myanmar (formerly called Burma) to Australia in December, 2029. I would like to tell you about my classmate.



**NHUNG** is her name. She is Vietnamese. She was born and lived in Ha Tinh which is a province, with beautiful beaches, on the North Central Coast of Vietnam. Her parents have five children and Nhung is the youngest daughter. About one and a half years ago, she made her final vows to God before her superiors and the people of God as a member of the Sisters of the congregation of FMM (Franciscan Missionary of Mary).

During the past two years, she has made some significant steps in her life. As mentioned above, she made her final vows and also went to India to study English. She stayed in India for about one year and after the English course, went back home to her native country Vietnam. In Vietnam, she volunteered to teach what she had learned to the children there in school.

After that, she came to Australia and has already stayed in Canterbury for about six months. Now she is studying more English for the betterment of her future and to be more helpful to people. She intends to study more subjects as a University student as that will help her a lot in her future works.



I'd like to introduce my classmate to you all. His name is **PETER ZIN**. He comes from Falam State, Burma, Myanmar and is one of the priests from Hakha Diocese. He was born into a big family, as his parents have 8 children, 7 boys and only one girl and he is the sixth of his siblings.

Two years ago, he experienced a meaningful time in his life; this is simply because it was a milestone in his journey with unforgettable memories. He became a deacon in 2018 and was appointed to become a priest of God in 2019. After he became a priest, he participated in service to the Christians in Hnaring Parish which belongs to Hakha Diocese as an assistant. Then his bishop sent him to Melbourne to study English and serve the Burmese people here because they do not know much English. He has been in Australia for 6 months. Now he is living in Our Lady's Parish in Sunshine and joining the EAP class. What will be his future in two years? He mentions that in the future he will be working in the pastoral field after he finishes his study.

In his spare time, he likes to sing and play the keyboard and he is also good at digital technology. May God bless you and accompany you on your journey!

By Nhung



I am **AGUSTINA**, I belong to the Congregation of the Sisters of Jesus Mary and Joseph. I entered my Congregation on September 15, 2002. I made my temporary vows on July 31, 2005 and my final vows on July 29, 2010. I went to the vocational school for my secondary education. After my first profession I worked for 7 years at one of the larger convents belonging to my Congregation. A couple of years later, in 2012 my superior asked me to take an English subject at the Sanata Dharma University in Jogjakarta and I finished it in 2016. Since June 2016, I have been a kindergarten teacher. And now, I have joined the English courses online from my original country. My Visa is pending due to the coronavirus. I feel proud of being one of the ELSPM students. Hopefully by the end of this year we can meet each other face to face in Melbourne. Thank you.



**ROBYN**

EAP teacher

Thank you to every student for contributing to this edition.  
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