Indonesia is Australia's nearest neighbour in the Asia region and provides a rich cultural tapestry for those visiting. The Indonesian language is spoken across the 900 inhabited Indonesian islands, allowing for connection between the diverse people groups scattered across the Indonesian archipelago. The extraordinary environments; coral reefs, dense rain forests and unique animal life, attract over one million Australian visitors every year.

The ties between Australia and Indonesia continue to develop, with an increasing number of Australians travelling to Indonesia for leisure, business and education purposes; numbers of Indonesians visiting Australia are also increasing. Australia has a strong diplomatic presence in Indonesia, and Indonesia is the largest recipient of Australian aid. Relations between Indonesia and Australia continue to grow in the areas of trade, education and youth exchange, offering invaluable opportunities for individuals studying the Indonesian language.

Students develop an appreciation for the place of Australia within the Asia region, including the interconnections of languages and cultures, peoples and communities, histories and economies. The ability to communicate in Indonesian provides incentives for travel and for more meaningful interactions with speakers of Indonesian, encouraging socio-cultural understanding.

Topics

- Our local area: Identifying local landmarks and giving directions
- Shopping: Talking about where to shop, asking about and paying for items
- Daily routine: Describing activities and discussing your day.
- Help! I'm sick: Identifying parts of the body, going to the doctor's
- School life in Indonesia: Insight into Indonesian education and life
- Making plans: Organising an outing
- Entertainment: Talking about favourite movies, actors, singers, songs
- Holidays: Planning your ideal Indonesian holiday

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- exchanging personal details with real or imagined visiting students from Indonesia or a buddy school, e.g. name, age, phone number, social media profile, family members
- describing and comparing aspects of personal world such as home and family, teachers and school, interests and friends
- interacting in Indonesian to perform routine social tasks in the classroom, e.g. responding to praise, requests or commands, encouraging and instructing
- interacting with peers to express likes and dislikes and preferences, and exchange and explain opinions
- making plans to go on an imaginary shared holiday in Indonesia, negotiating mode of transport and places to stay, considering eco-friendly options

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