



# The Hon Ray Williams MP

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**Member for Castle Hill**  
**Minister for Multiculturalism and**  
**Minister for Disability Services**

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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **FUNDING FOR CASTLE HILL COMMUNITY LANGUAGE CLASSES**

Community-run language schools in Castle Hill will share in more than \$5 million in funding from the NSW Government.

The Community Language Schools Program provides funding to community organisations to help establish and run language schools in the local area.

Classes run for school age children with non-English speaking backgrounds to maintain their heritage languages.

Co.As.It Italian Association of Assistance, which runs classes at Castle Hill High School, will receive more than \$44,000 in funding to support its community language lessons.

Akkademja Maltija Ta' New South Wales, which runs classes at Rouse Hill Public School, will receive \$4,700 to support its lessons in Maltese.

The Association for Brazilian Bilingual Children's Development, which runs classes at Samuel Gilbert Public School, will receive more than \$13,000 to support the operation of its Portuguese lessons.

The Hills Chinese School runs classes at Kellyville Public School and Sherwood Ridge Public School. It will receive more than \$82,000 to support its community language classes.

Sydney Northwest Chinese School will receive more than \$9,000 in funding. It runs Chinese classes at Beaumont Hills Public School, Oakhill College and at the Rouse Hill town centre.

Local Member for Castle Hill and Minister for Multiculturalism Ray Williams said in NSW we come from 307 ancestries, practise 146 religions, and speak more than 215 languages.

"I encourage local students to learn a second language. It not only expands your cultural awareness, but it can lead to better academic results and improve career opportunities," Mr Williams said.

Education Minister Rob Stokes said the NSW Government was dedicated to supporting education in all its forms.

"We treasure and celebrate the diversity of our multicultural NSW community. This is one way the NSW Government can support that diversity," Mr Stokes said.

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