



GENERAL INFORMATION

THE *STUDITALIA* PRIZE 2018

17 November to 17 December 2018

The ***Studitalia* Prize** (*StuditaliA*) was established in 1994 to encourage and promote excellence in Italian studies in schools across Queensland and to reward the achievement of Year 12 students of Italian.

Australia and Italy enjoy a warm and long-standing relationship. Italian is an Australian community language and is the fourth most widely spoken language in Queensland (according to the 2016 census).

Western culture has greatly benefited from the Italian contribution through fields such as art, architecture, music, literature, cinema, theatre, mathematics, physics and science. Learning a language contributes to and enriches the educational, intellectual, personal, social and cultural development of students in our schools. It has the potential to improve the quality of their participation in a rapidly changing world. *StuditaliA* allows participants to broaden their horizons by fostering deeper cross-cultural understanding with people of other languages and cultures.

StuditaliA offers a life changing opportunity to travel to Italy and study at the Convitto Nazionale 'Paolo Diacono' in Cividale del Friuli. *StuditaliA* has provided 139 Queensland students the opportunity to fully immerse themselves in the Italian culture and language.

The Prize is funded by generous contributions from the Italian Consulate Brisbane, key members of the Italian community, private donors and the Department of Education through its international arm, DE International (DEi). DEi is committed to nurturing the growth of Italian language and cultural awareness in young Queenslanders.

About the Prize

The *StuditaliA* Prize offers the opportunity for selected recipients to study and live in Italy for up to four weeks. The Prize is funded by the Queensland Department of Education, the Convitto Nazionale 'Paolo Diacono' and through donations from the Italian community in Queensland.

The number of prizes awarded in any one year depends on the value of funds raised through donations and the quality of applications received from students.

Each Prize consists of:

- one return economy airline ticket to Italy from Queensland, departing 17 November 2018 and returning 17 December 2018
- up to four weeks attendance at the Convitto Nazionale 'Paolo Diacono' school in Cividale del Friuli
- accommodation and most meals, at the discretion of the organisers, at the Convitto Nazionale boarding school
- travel insurance for the duration of the Prize.

Note: Although you must travel to Italy with the other Prize winners as a group, should you wish to extend your stay overseas please contact us and advise your travel plans in order to confirm insurance arrangements. Any additional costs resulting from an extended stay will be at the expense of the individual.

University Credits

Griffith University (School of Humanities, Languages and Social Science) may offer Recognition of Prior Learning to winners of the Prize wishing to continue their Italian language studies.

Students should consult with the University for the process for claiming credit on the basis of their study in Italy.

For students studying cross-institutionally at Griffith University claiming university credit may be subject to change.

Nominations close 27 April 2018

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