

**28 YEARS AGO,  
FLINDERS  
UNIVERSITY MADE  
AN UNPRECEDENTED  
COMMITMENT:**

**THAT THE LEARNING  
AND TEACHING OF  
GREEK IS AVAILABLE  
FOR ALL.**

# WHAT HAS THAT COMMITMENT ACHIEVED?

Our vision produced a successful Greek language program buoyed by a community eager to lead and see their language and culture flourish outside of their homeland.

An investment from the State Government of South Australia in 2011 threw open the doors of the program to the rest of the country by helping to fund an innovative online model for delivering the language program to partner institutions across the nation.

## GOVERNMENT GRANT



This support has funded:

- \$375K = 44 undergraduate scholarships awarded
- \$100K = Earmarked for continuing scholarships funded until 2018
- \$125K = Development of the Online Language Program

## THE ONLINE PROGRAM HOW MANY USERS?

**150**

per semester

**300**

per year

**1500**

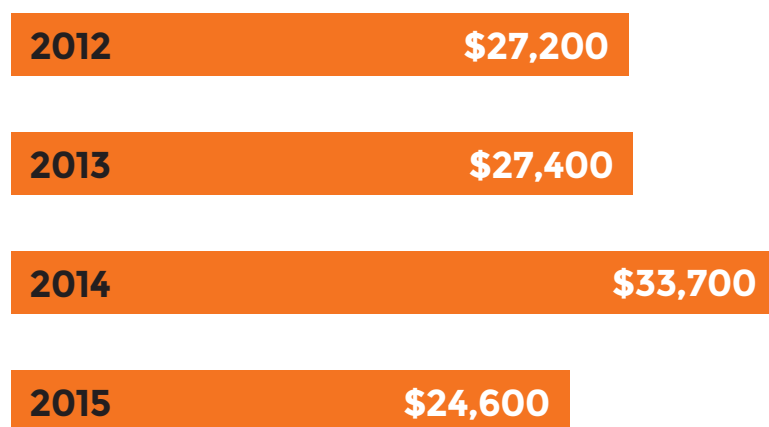
since it went live in 2012

## WHAT ARE STUDENTS STUDYING ONLINE?

1. Six language topics for beginners
2. Six language topics for advanced
3. Four Cultural Topics in English such as Greek Mythology, the Odyssey, the Alexandrian Legacy. The majority of students in these topics are not of Greek background and some are exchange international students.
4. Every July, 15 students experience a three week intensive In-country program in collaboration with the University of Crete, Rethymnon.

# THE **COMMUNITY** BACKED US TOO. IN FACT, THEY RAMPED UP THEIR SUPPORT.

## COMMUNITY DONATIONS AND SPONSORSHIP



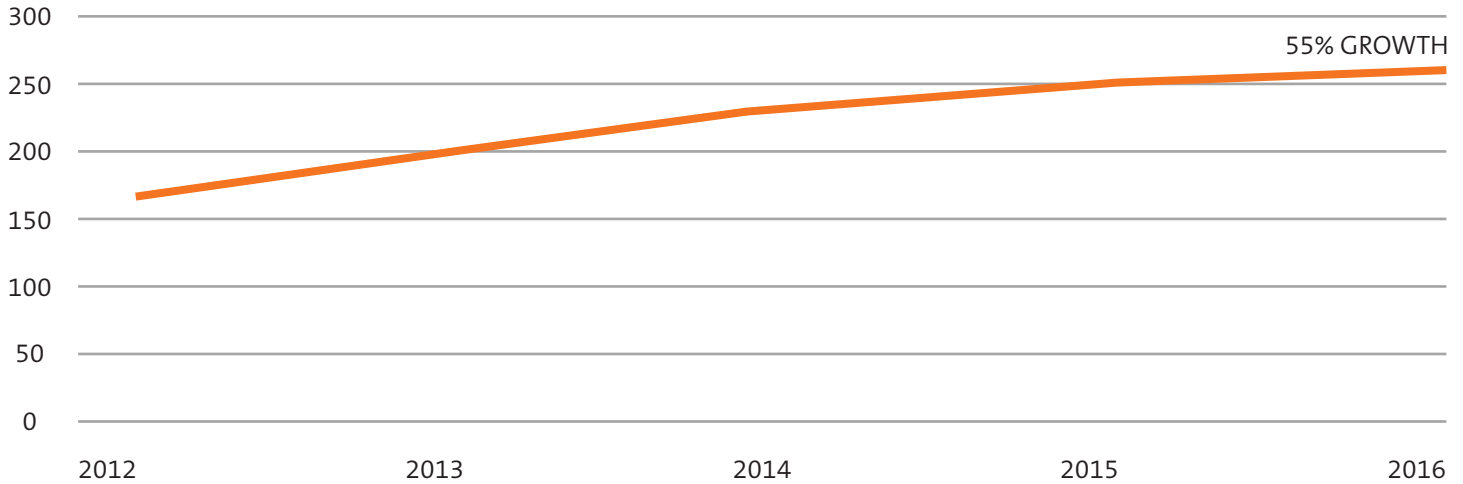
## THIS SUPPORT HAS FUNDED:

- \$35K Support staff
- \$30K Six International Conferences
- \$21K Three volumes of publications
- \$5K Research
- \$5K Primary School Teacher Professional Development
- \$8K Community events and communication

**WE BEGAN  
TO SEE THAT  
INNOVATION WAS  
THE ANSWER TO THE  
FUTURE OF GREEK.**

**AND THE STATS  
STARTED TO SHOW  
THIS TOO.**

# GREEK STUDIES ENROLMENTS



## OVER 50

**MODERN GREEK GRADUATES ARE NOW TEACHING MODERN GREEK**

Many Greek Studies graduates are successfully employed in the following sectors:

<b>LAW</b>	<b>GOVERNMENT</b>
<b>MEDICINE</b>	<b>AGEING</b>
<b>BUSINESS</b>	<b>EDUCATION</b>
<b>FINANCE</b>	<b>THEOLOGY</b>

## MORE THAN 35

# MASTERS AND PHDs

**HAVE BEEN COMPLETED**

One of the highest number of completions in the area of languages in Australia. Many are now academics or working in institutions in Australia or overseas.

# HUNDREDS

of Modern Greek primary school teachers have benefitted from professional development at Flinders.

## CONFERENCES

are the backbone of communicating our work at University to find solutions to the challenges faced by the Greek community and the wider world:

## OVER 2,500

papers have been presented

## MORE THAN 2,500

Scholars, Academics, Researchers, Policy Makers, Service Providers, Government and Aged Care Workers have participated in the Biennial Greek and Ageing Conferences events.

## 9 PUBLICATIONS

have been published

# WHY ARE WE LOOKING TO PRESERVE GREEK AT FLINDERS? IS THERE AN AUDIENCE?

**OVER 31,000 AUSTRALIAN PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS STUDENTS STUDY MODERN GREEK\***

\*Figures from ABS CENSUS

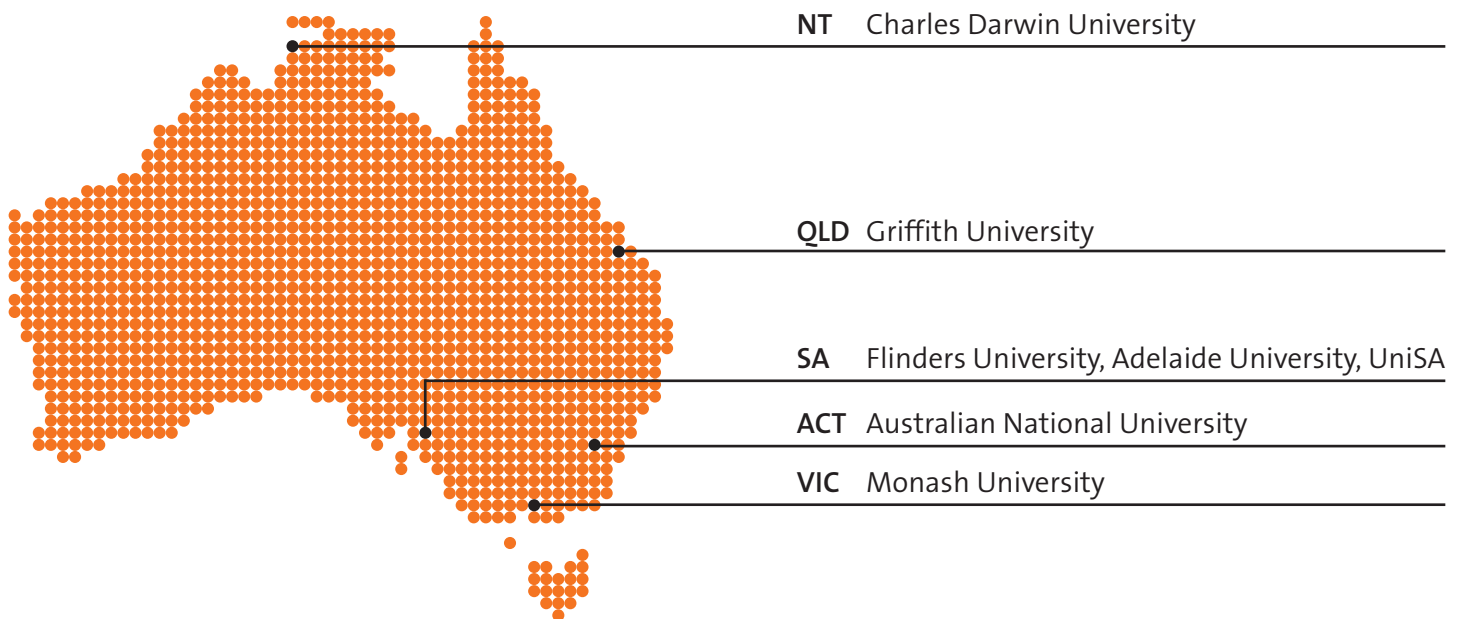
## NUMBER OF SCHOOLS, TYPE OF SCHOOLS AND NUMBER OF STUDENTS

States	Public	Students	Independent	Students	Ethnic	Students	Total
Victoria	27	4636	4	1798	41	7069	13503
NSW		5383	3	1994	63	2445	9834
SA	22	4289	2	648	15	1389	6326
WA			1	455	4	390	845
QLD	1	164			6	464	628
Tasmania					1	16	16
NT	6	267			1	180	447
Canberra					1	78	78
<b>Total</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>14739</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4895</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>12031</b>	<b>31,675</b>

- **70% OF MODERN GREEK STUDENTS** are beginners—University is for many their first opportunity to study the Greek language.
- **75% OF STUDENTS** who study our cultural topics are from non-Greek backgrounds.
- Greek background is the **8TH MOST COMMON** form of ancestry in Australia.
- **OVER HALF A MILLION** people from Greek background are living in Australia.
- **252,000 PEOPLE** speak the Greek language at home.
- **AGED-CARE INSTITUTIONS** nationally are expressing the urgency to address the linguistic and cultural needs for people from Greek backgrounds.

# WE ARE DOING OUR PART. WE ARE LOOKING TO THE FUTURE.

## FLINDERS IS NOW TEACHING GREEK ACROSS AUSTRALIA



### OUR AIM

To continue investing in Greek Studies at Flinders, to continue to lobby the State and Federal Governments for support, and to progress Greek Studies to a first class, sustainable, international program.

### WHY?

Because we believe Modern Greek is still relevant to today's Australian society, it is important to South Australia's Greek Community, and the past shows us that when a University's Greek program disappears, it disappears forever.

# BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP.

Flinders will continue to invest in Greek Studies by providing funding for staff, research and teaching resource. But that investment can only do so much.

We are asking prominent members of the Greek-Australian community—lawyers, bankers, entrepreneurs, agents, politicians and many more from all walks of life—to show their financial support with a collaborative approach to enhancing, expanding and sustaining Greek studies.

To ensure South Australia can continue to teach, research and promote Greek language and culture, we seek to establish permanent funding. Flinders aims to establish an endowed chair to anchor the Greek Program, ensuring current and future generations will have the opportunity to study and be inspired by Greek language and culture.

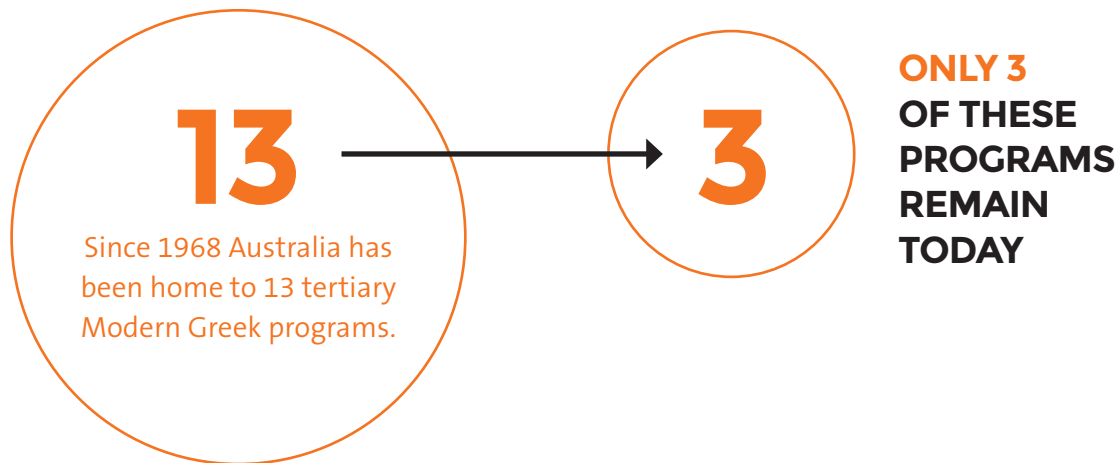
This named position would only come in to effect if a target of \$1 million is achieved (this is partially funded position, with an annual disbursement of \$50,000 per year).

That support would see Flinders elevating Greek Studies to a program that strives to:

- Reward students who excel with scholarships and travel opportunities
- Continually improve the online program
- Fund innovative research that underpins our knowledge and understanding of Greek in Australia
- Support cultural activities and awareness amongst our staff, students and the community.



# WHY? BECAUSE ALL THAT WE'VE BUILT IS AT RISK.



- Ancient Greek programs have been almost totally eliminated from Australian universities.
- 10 or 15 years ago there were 20 to 30 University lecturers of Modern Greek in Australia. Now there are only four or five tertiary positions left.

## GREEK LEARNING IS UNDER THREAT.

### THERE IS A DECLINE OF

- Federal Government funding for community languages
- State Government funding for primary school language learning
- Language learning resources nationally
- Greek Government support of the diaspora due to the Greek Financial Crisis

# THE POWER OF MANY. WHAT IF TOGETHER WE CAN FUND A PROGRAM THAT WILL INFLUENCE GENERATIONS TO COME.



## CONSIDER THE POWER OF COLLECTIVE GIVING.

As individuals, we don't all have the capacity to make a big bang, but collectively we can make a substantial difference. We can create a lasting legacy.

# ARISTOTLE'S GIVING SOCIETY

The prestigious Aristotle Giving Society, to be launched in 2017, recognises donors who make exceptional philanthropic contributions towards the future of the Greek language and culture at Flinders University.

The Society will meet annually for a formal ceremony of admission, providing an important opportunity for benefactors to interact with the Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor and senior academics, to meet with other donors in the Society, hear firsthand from beneficiaries of the Society's support and to develop a more personal relationship with the university.

Named in honour of the great philosopher himself and to commemorate the generosity of the Halkidikian Society who funded the bust of Aristotle located proudly in the centre of the university plaza.

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## Your Recognition

The Aristotle Fellowship

Founder

Patron

Friends of Aristotle

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## Your Legacy

Cumulative contributions of \$100,000 or more

Cumulative contributions of \$50,000 or more

Contributions of \$10,000

Contributions of \$1,000

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