



WELCOME TO SEMESTER 2

This E-News tells the stories of the students who have recently begun their studies in English at ELSPM. We also pay tribute to Br Patrick Cronin, a founding member of the ELSPM team.

Past students are welcome to send in photos and a brief update of where you are and what you are doing.

We love to hear your news.



WE REMEMBER

Br Patrick Cronin joined the Christian brothers in 1959 and worked in Western Australia and South Australia for 53 years as an educator, teacher and Principal. He was a guiding force in the establishment of ELSPM in 2014 and chaired the Advisory Committee from 2014 until 2017. His educational expertise set the Language Centre on solid ground. In later years, when his health permitted he came for weekly visits and tutored the students.

Pat passed away on 27th May 2023.

[Rest in peace](#)



MEET THE STUDENTS

Juliana

Hello. My name is Juliana. I'm from South Korea. I'm belong to Franciscan Missionaries of Mary. I was a missionary in Japan for 10 years. I came to here for learning English. My hometown is Seoul. If you visit to Korea, I want to bring you to the Kyung Bok Palace. You can see Korean history and modern city together. My first impression of Australia is beautiful nature, calm and nice people. I like ELSPM, because this school has a good religious mood and very comfortable. I'm very glad to meet students from each different congregation.



Carlos

My name is Carlos, I come from the mountain district of Bacau, Timor Leste. There are 6 in my family. My father died when I was 12 years old. So, we lived as a simple family, always happy to do everything that is good for our family and for others around us. I joined the Salesians of Don Bosco. I have finished my philosophy studies and hope to continue my theology in Melbourne before returning to my country. When I experience something beautiful, I know it is the grace of God.





Cirilo

My name is Cirilo and I come from Ostico in Timor Leste. I am from a large family of farmers. My mother died when I was a child, so I was taken care by uncle and aunt. I don't mind hard work. I joined the Salesians of Don Bosco and am now living with them in Melbourne. When I have really good English, I will continue my studies in Theology here. I love the culture of Timor Leste.



Cuong

I come from Dong Nai Province in Vietnam. The climate is hot and dry or very wet, so it is suitable for rice cultivation. There are many beautiful places to visit around my hometown. I am very proud of what I have learned from my parents and the people around me. I love to sing. With friendly people, a civilized culture, beautiful landscapes, and good education, I believe there is a great future for Vietnam.



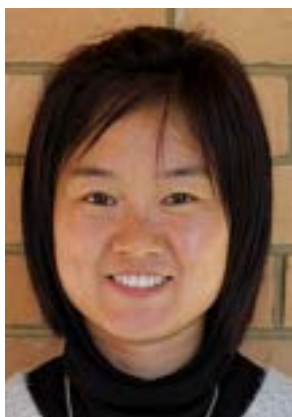
Rafael

I come from Zepe, Flores Island, Indonesia. I come from a big family of farmers. Both my parents have passed away. I joined the Passionists Congregation and was ordained a priest. I had a chance to visit Europe in 2017. I enjoy it very much. I am learning English to go as a missionary to Papua New Guinea.



Li Yuan - Hendrina

Hello, everyone! I'm Li Yuan. I'm from China. I'm a religious of Holy Spirit Sisters. I was born in Taiyuan. This place is very famous as a tourist place. My family members are seven. They are my parents, one brother and his wife and their child, and one sister and me. When I arrived in Australia, I thought "Australia is beautiful place!" I like listen to music and I enjoy go for a walk. I'm very happy to meet you all. Thank you!



Fransiskus - Budi

I come from Maumere, Flores Island, Indonesia. I am the first child and I have two brothers and a sister. My mother passed away in 2019 and now my father lives alone. I joined the Passionist congregation and was ordained two years ago. After working in Indonesia I am brushing up my English skills to go as a missionary to Papua New Guinea.



Thang

My name is Thang, I was born and grew up in a rural area of Vietnam, Thai Binh. I am fortunate to have a lovely family. My parents are farmers and we lived in a small house, with my brother and three sisters. My brother and one sister are engineers. The other two sisters are students. I joined Passionists. I grew up in a beautiful place and even though it was tough it has made me who I am today.





Amy

My hometown is Beijing, China. My hometown is in summer now. Melbourne is in winter. When my hometown is 1.00 pm Melbourne is 3.00 pm. It was good growing up there. It was very happy. My family have three people now. My husband and my son and I. We are all love God and are lovely. I can see Melbourne is very beautiful and clean. There is polite and lovely city.

Hai

My hometown is a peaceful place. People live here is friendly. We plant rice. Everyday we get up at 4.30 am. After we go to Church to have Mass and pray for peace. Before we go to school or work we have breakfast together. Almost the weather is hot in the summer and cold in the winter but people are happy when they work hard. When we harvested rice we are going to have some vacations as Lunar New Year or Middle Lunar. I am a Postulant with the Passionists.

Jansi

I come from Indonesia. I was born in North Sulawesi. Indonesia is a beautiful country because have a million islands. In my big family I have mother, father, young brother and young sister. Now I am part of the Congregation of Sisters of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. I was graduated from Manado State University in North Sulawesi, from the Psychology department. Actually, this is my first time in another country. Now I live in Thomastown, Melbourne. I live with two other sisters from my Congregation



MEET THE TEACHER

Welcome to Evie

Hello everyone, my name is Evie. Firstly, I'd like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all of the wonderful staff and students at ELSPM for making me feel so welcome.

I've been a teacher for 20 years. Prior to teaching English as a Second Language, I was a Primary School Teacher. I love learning about different cultures and I'm so inspired by my students' stories and experiences. I think you are all so very brave and clever! I was born in Melbourne, and moved to Perth with my family when I was 6 years old.

I moved back to Melbourne in 2020, just prior to the first Covid lockdown, not the best of timing! I'm so happy to be here in my home town, as Melbourne is such a beautiful city. I have worked and travelled extensively overseas. I lived in The Netherlands, my mother's home country, as well as Thailand, where I taught English. In my spare time, I enjoy drawing, hiking, art, foreign films, reading, travel, and spending time with my 3 adult daughters.





NEWS FROM AFAR

GROUPS OF NINE

Our nine RNDM graduands are in the Philippines preparing for their final vows in December. Their course is in English. They have been very busy. They spent one week visiting and living with the Manubo people in Kulaman, a village without electricity and clean water. They are gaining some very valuable life experiences and bringing God's love with them as they carry on their mission.

Please keep them in your prayers.



Our nine Passionists students made first profession on August 10th. Like the RNDM students above, they completed all their studies online during Covid-19. The Passionists completed their Novitiate studies in English. Their photo is below, with Br Larry their Novice formator and Fr Brian, the Formation Coordinator.

It was a great joy to be able to watch their profession online. At the same time four ELSPM past students made their final vows.



CURRENT EAP STUDENTS AT WORK

