

## **DANISH LESSONS FOR ADULTS**

### **Learning Danish in Sydney**

Danish lessons for adults is a language program developed over a number of years specially to teach Danish to English speaking adults.

In addition to language skills, the course aims to give a taste of Danish culture, including manners, life style, traditions, history and the arts. The course therefore relies on authentic Danish texts rather than Danish language text books. This also enables a fair degree of personalization of the course content in relation to individual needs or areas of special interest for the students in a class.

Initial emphasis is on developing correct pronunciation and learning to recognise the Danish sounds in their various forms as well as learning basic vocabulary relating to numbers, colours, shapes, time (clock and dates), and geographical locations in Europe.

The structure of everyday language is initially learnt through reading/translating and making simple conversations. Children's stories, rhymes and jokes are used at this early stage leading onto texts containing simple information from current Danish television, Danish websites and Danish literature and film

Most lessons will include a session on formal grammar as well as practising oral/aural skills and vocabulary building. The emphasis in set homework is to build vocabulary and learn language structure as well as developing skills in reading and writing Danish.

For information about the courses, please contact Hans Holdgaard on telephone 0404 413 004 or email:

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### **Danish class levels in 2019**

Ideally we hope enough students will enrol to make it possible to run three classes in each term: One new beginner class, one intermediate class and one advanced class.

If enrolments numbers are sufficient, we plan to have the beginners class on Mondays from 7.30 to 8.45 pm. The advanced class on Tuesdays from 7.30 to 8.45pm. And the intermediate class on Wednesdays from 7.30 to 8.45 pm.

Classes can be rescheduled if students can agree on an alternative time to meet.

Naturally, time tabling depends on enrolments and, regrettably, it is not possible to guarantee that classes will go ahead nor is the time or evening certain until all enrolments are in.

On the enrolment form you will be able to express your preferred time for classes and if there is any time of the week that you will not be able to attend at all.

New beginners will be in a class of their own. Distribution into other classes will be determined via dialogue between student and teacher.

When allocating students to classes the students own preferences will of course be a major consideration but to insure the quality of teaching in the different classes student's ability in Danish (listening and speaking) will have to be considered.

Students will be advised of their class details (which evening of the week and what time) as soon as it is possible with regard to the number of enrolments. So please enrol as soon as possible. Students will receive an email advising them of the day and time of their class. So please make sure your contact details are correct.

## 2019 TERM 1 (Expected classes)

### **Mondays 7.30 – 8.45 pm:**

#### **New Beginners**

No prior knowledge required.

### **Tuesdays 7.30 – 8.45 pm:**

#### **Advanced**

Students will generally have gone through one term of beginner class and at least one term of the intermediate level or have equivalent knowledge from somewhere else.

(If new to our courses speak to Hans Holdgaard)

### **Wednesdays 7.30 – 8.45 pm:**

#### **Intermediates**

Satisfactory completion of a New Beginner class or equivalent is required prior knowledge.

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### **Class nights in term 1 (Expected):**

11/2, 12/2, 13/2, 18/2, 19/2, 20/2, 25/2, 26/2, 27/2, 4/3, 5/3, 6/3, 11/3, 12/3, 13/3, 18/3, 19/3, 20/3, 25/3, 26/3, 27/3, 1/4, 2/4, 3/4, 8/4, 9/4, and 10/4.

Additional introduction session for all new students: Thursday 7/2 from 6.30 – 9pm.

## COURSE COMPONENTS

All new students will have to take the special introduction session. Here you'll hear a bit about Denmark and the Danish language. We'll talk about dictionaries and how to enable you to write the Danish letters on your laptop. You will hear a bit about ways of learning, ways of getting exposed to the Danish language and how we propose to go about learning Danish at Pennant Hills. The price for this session is \$50. This is not included in the term fee, but must be paid extra. This course will be held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February starting at 6.30pm and finishing no later than 9.

### **The courses include**

- 9 lessons in class – each class 1.25 hours
- Written and aural learning materials
- Personalized explanatory handouts and worksheets in correspondence with stage of knowledge.
- Weekly homework sheets corresponding with and elaborating class learning
- Individual feedback and correction of homework by email between classes.
- Introduction and access to our free Danish library including books, CD's and DVD's for kids and adults.
- Introduction to dictionaries.
- Introduction to pronunciations and other material on different websites
- Introduction to different relevant Danish websites.

### **LEARNING MATERIALS**

Learning materials in the form of reading texts, worksheets, grammar sheets and lists of vocabulary will be distributed to students some of it might be in electronic form. Homework will be corrected via mail during the week between classes.

It is therefore essential that students have access to a computer connected to the internet and has an email address. A broadband connection is necessary as some homework may involve listening to sound on Danish websites.

Students provide only their own dictionaries and writing materials.

Students may be required to print some of the learning materials and bring them to class.

## LOCATION

Classes will be held in meeting rooms and the hall at the Danish Church in Pennant Hills at the corner of Weemala Rd and Hillcrest Rd.

The Danish Church is within easy walking distance of Pennant Hills Road and Pennant Hills Station.

There is ample parking in the street.

## CONDITIONS OF ENROLMENT

- Full fee must be paid on enrolment.
- Payment in full must be received before students can attend classes.
- Classes will be offered only if the minimum number of students enrol and pay by the due dates.
- Students accept that the teacher allocates students to classes based on students' competence.
- Payment must be made for the whole of a course even if you know you will be away for part of the term.
- Students accept that the Danish Church may cancel and re-schedule/relocate individual classes during a course if circumstances prevent a class going ahead.
- We regret that we cannot refund any of your payments unless *we* cancel the course. It will not be possible to offer replacement classes for any absences unless class has been cancelled by us.
- Should the offered class be scheduled on a weekday, when the student is not available, ***and this has been stated on the enrolment form***, the student may withdraw and receive a full refund.

## COURSE COSTS

	Course cost	Early Bird discount rate*
<b><i>Per term</i></b> <i>All levels</i>	\$375.00	\$360.00
<b><i>ADD compulsory</i></b> <i>introduction session for all</i> <b><i>new students</i></b>	\$50.00	N/A

\* To obtain the **Early bird** rate for this term, the full fee must be paid no later than 1<sup>st</sup> February 2019.

**Enrolment must take place no later than 5<sup>th</sup> February 2019.**