



Alarm at drop in Indonesian language study

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INDONESIAN language learning in Australia is in crisis, a report claims.

Murdoch University professor of South-East Asian Studies David Bill says that since 2001 school enrolments in Indonesian programs across the country declined by at least 10,000 each year. His report, Indonesian Language in Australian Universities: Strategies for a stronger future, also shows that enrolments in Indonesian at university level have dropped by 40 per cent.

Be makes 20 recommendations to boost language learning and strengthen ties with Indonesia.

Victorian Curriculum and Assessment figures show that only 639 Victorian students studied Indonesian as a second language at year-12 level last year.

Details: <http://bit.ly/x8Ac7Z>

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In crisis: Indonesian study