

Training in 2020



Defence Force School of Languages

- Around 300 students per year in 18 languages
 - Over 100 complete a year-long language course
- Around 350 language proficiency tests per year in 22 languages across the Australian Defence Force and Department
 - Speaking, Listening & Reading tests conducted remotely under supervision
- From April to Oct 2020, all training & testing went online

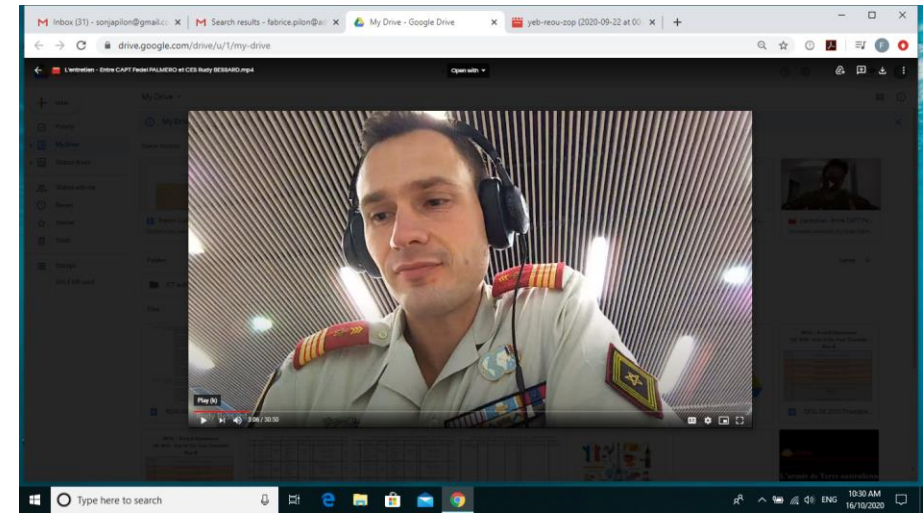
Defence International Training Centre

- Pre-COVID19, around 1,300 foreign students per year
 - English language training and English teacher training
- Pre-COVID19, Mobile Training Teams to regional countries
- From April 2020, remote learning (online) with students at DITC and from home countries (will continue until mid-2021)



Observations & Lessons

- Importance of Partnerships
 - Counterpart language schools, BILC
 - Overseas Australian Defence staff
- The 'Luck' of Preparation meeting Opportunity
 - Blended learning staff, training systems & analysis
 - Learning Network (ADELE) already in place
- Looking ahead
 - Hard to meet demand for self-paced training
 - Substitutes for overseas, in-country training
 - French, Portuguese, Arabic, Spanish, German,
 - More blended learning in courses (less classroom time)



Observations & Lessons



- Flexibility is key – change courses to suit students unable to travel home
- Students in home countries/locations (outside pressures/time zones)
- Positive engagement – experience has shown great benefit of a combination of
 - Asynchronous with engaging, multi-media content – access to a wide variety of learning tools such as E-texts, interactive workbooks and grammar resources, and
 - Synchronous sessions in smaller ‘Guidance Officer’ groups for consolidation/questions
- Blending learning will be enduring (home country & AUS)

