

# LANGUAGES WEEK IDEAS

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## Harmony in Sustainability

Anna Triscari from Corpus Christi College has graciously shared this project that she and her colleagues undertook with students in celebration of Languages Week '18. Hopefully this wonderful idea will inspire you for Languages Week 2019 (5-9 August).

The theme for the school's project was "Harmony in Sustainability" and was inspired by the topic of conversation around the termination of single-use plastic bags at stores. This led to the idea of students making their own bags at school with messages in the target language that focussed on sustaining the environment. Corpus Christi College teaches French, Indonesian and Italian.

The students were presented with the idea and shown examples. Students were asked to brainstorm messages in the target language to put on the bags. Students were encouraged to research to find out what countries (whose where the language/s they were studying are spoken) were doing in relation to the environment. This provided opportunity for rich in class discussion about comparing what happens in Australia with what occurs in other countries, and reinforced classroom learning as the Year 12 students were studying a unit on the Environment at that time.

Once the students had chosen their 'message' they were asked to consider what image would best illustrate it. The students were provided with a Calico bag and an abundant supply of 'sharpies' personalise the bag.

The results were wonderful across the board.

*"This was truly an engaging exercise for all the students that participated, linguistically and culturally. They were able to take their bags home to present to parents to use as a shopping bag. Some students immediately used the bag to carry their own books to classes."*



Examples of the bags created by the students at Corpus Christi College. Years 8-12 participated in the project.