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## The Hindu Manifesto - Book Release

**August 8 2025**

VHP Australia and the Hindu Economic Forum (NSW) jointly organised the Hindu Manifesto book release event on 8 August 2025. The author, Swami Vigyananand ji, gave a brief presentation on the book's key themes and their relevance in today's context. He then engaged with the audience, responding to their questions and reflections.

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# HINDU MANIFESTO

*Prosperity for All*

*Defeating Enemy, Defending Citizens*

*Quality Education for All*

*Responsible Democracy*

*Highest Respect for Women*

*Non-discriminatory Social System*

*Care for Nature*

*Respect for the Land*

**SWAMI VIGYANANAND**



**Raksha Bandhan Festival**

**August 17 2025**

The 2025 Hindu Festival of Raksha Bandhan was hosted by Sri Venkata Krishna Vrundavana Sydney, under the auspices of HOTA, on Sunday, 17 August 2025. The Chief Guest for the event was Hon. Andrew Charlton MP, Cabinet Secretary in the Federal Government.



## VHP Sanskrit School Anniversary

September 13 2025

Historic First: Sanskrit Ramayana Premieres in Sydney, Australia

Sydney, Australia - 13 September 2025 - The young pupils of the VHP Sanskrit School in Sydney, New South Wales, Australia created history by presenting, in the classical language of Sanskrit, a complete staging of all six Kāṇḍas of the revered *Vālmīki Rāmāyaṇa*. This unprecedented cultural milestone took place during the school's anniversary celebrations at The Regency Function Centre, Sydney.

The performance was both a scholarly and artistic triumph, standing as a resplendent tribute to Bhārat's timeless cultural and spiritual heritage. Rendered with authenticity, reverence, and youthful vigour, the staging exemplified how ancient traditions continue to inspire the younger generation, even on distant shores.

More than 200 students, all under the age of fifteen, participated with remarkable dedication and discipline. With admirable poise, they brought to life—entirely in Sanskrit—the six great Kāṇḍas of the Valmiki Ramayana:

- **Bāla Kāṇḍa** - The divine origins and childhood of Bhagavān Rāma.
- **Ayodhyā Kāṇḍa** - The moving tale of exile and filial duty.
- **Araṇya Kāṇḍa** - The trials of forest life and the abduction of Sītā.
- **Kiṣhkindhā Kāṇḍa** - The friendship with Sugrīva and the valour of Hanumān.
- **Sundara Kāṇḍa** - Hanumān's heroic journey to Laṅkā.
- **Yuddha Kāṇḍa** - The climactic battle and the eternal triumph of dharma over adharma.

Each branch of the VHP Sanskrit School presented one Kāṇḍa, ensuring a complete and cohesive rendition of the text. Dedicated coordinators supervised script preparation and dialogues, while authentic costumes and traditional props added cultural grandeur to the performance.

The event also featured a proud moment of recognition: the New South Wales Department of Education, Government of Australia honoured outstanding achievers from community language schools. Seven students of the VHP Sanskrit School received prestigious awards:

- **Gambheer Sastry** - Minister's Award
- **Praharsha Rao** - Highly Commended Award
- **Laksh Pradeep** - Highly Commended Award
- **Mansa Chirag Bhatnagar** - Commended Award
- **Pranathi Basavanahalli Prashanth** - Merit Award
- **Devika Midigesi** - Merit Award
- **Rachit Raj** - Merit Award

Smt. Akila Ramarathinam, Coordinator of the VHP Sanskrit School and National General Secretary of VHP Australia, expressed deep pride in the students' achievements:

*"It is truly heartening to see our younger generation preserving and carrying forward the profound legacy of our revered ancestors, even here in Australia. This milestone is a shining example of cultural continuity and devotion."*

The VHP Sanskrit School, a division of VHP Australia, is formally accredited by the New South Wales Department of Education as a Community Language School for Sanskrit. With six centres—The Ponds, Carlingford, Homebush, Nuwarra, Toongabbie, and Waitara—the school continues to

uphold its mission of nurturing Sanskrit learning and cultural values among the youth. Here are a few photos from Valmiki Ramayana drama.







## Courses from Hindu University of America for AU / NZ Time Zone

### with Scholarships

Sanatana Dharma is rooted in timeless wisdom and offers guidance on how to live with purpose, compassion, and harmony—with oneself and the world. In today's fast-paced and often chaotic world, the teachings of Sanatana Dharma are more relevant than ever. They invite us to explore profound texts like the *Ramayana*, *Mahabharata*, *Bhagavad Gita*, the *Vedas*, and more — as living sources of insight into ethics, duty, love, and liberation. If you're seeking a life that is more meaningful, enlightened, and spiritually enriched, then understanding and embracing the essence of Sanatana Dharma can be transformative. It's about awakening to deeper truths and applying them in everyday life.

At Hindu University of America, we uphold Sanatana Dharma as a profound and timeless way of life—one that deserves to be understood, practiced, and cherished. Our mission is to make this wisdom accessible to all. All our courses are offered live via Zoom, allowing learners from around the world to join us from the comfort of their homes. Whether you're deeply rooted in Hindu traditions or simply curious to explore them, you're welcome to register—no prerequisites beyond an internet connection and working knowledge of the computer.

We have the following courses suitable for Australia/New Zealand time zone this Fall Quarter:

- Orientation to Hindu Studies
- Dhyaanam – Meditation and the Meditator
- Introduction to Upanishads - Part 1
- Lalitha Sahasranama Stotram - 1
- Hindu Dharmic Parenting
- Kenopanishad with Shankar Bhashya
- Interfaith Marriages: Challenges and Reconciliation
- The Ayurvedic Guide to Women's Wellness
- Ayurveda: The art of Cleansing Fasts and Detox diet for Healthy Living
- Chanakya's Leadership Principles for the 21st Century

Please apply for a scholarship here: [HUA Scholarship Program](#). Once we receive your application, we will verify the documents and send you a coupon code to register for the course(s) of your choice. The scholarship is available for Australian/New Zealand students registering for non-

graduate courses, and no additional scholarships are available for Certificate Programs. This scholarship will reduce fees by 20%.

Come learn, reflect, and grow with us as we journey into the heart of Hindu philosophy, culture, and spirituality. We invite you to explore other enriching courses in Fall 2025.

### **Forthcoming Events NSW**

**4<sup>th</sup> October 2025: Sri VishnuSahasranaama Lakshaarchana will be organised by VCCA**

**22<sup>nd</sup> November 2025: Sri Ekadasha Rudram**

Further details on each event will be sent closer to the date.

Email: [info@vcca.net.au](mailto:info@vcca.net.au)

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**VHP SANSKRIT SCHOOL**

Now Open for Registration

**WHAT YOU'LL LEARN**

- Basics of Sanskrit
- Sanskrit Poems and Pronunciation
- Grammar and Writing Skills
- Cultural Teachings

**EVERY SUNDAY**  
2:45-5:00PM

**ROBEEA PUBLIC SCHOOL, CUBA INFORD**

This community language program has been approved by the Department of Education NSW

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(COMMUNITY LANGUAGE SCHOOL, DEPT OF EDUCATION)

**Classes at Waitara Public School, Wahroonga**

DAY	TIME	AGE GROUP	CLASS
Friday	3:20 pm to 5:20 pm	4-17 Years	Sanskrit Poems, Speaking, Reading & Writing


**For More Details Contact:**  
Amrita Saxena 0404 872 120

  
**VHP SANSKRIT SCHOOL**  
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**Classes at Metella Rd Public School, Toongabbie**

DAY	TIME	AGE GROUP	CLASS
Sunday	1:30 pm to 4:00 pm	4-17 Years	Sanskrit Poems, Speaking, Reading & Writing


**For More Details Contact:**  
Rhuana Sampath 0469 900 991  
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**VHP SANSKRIT SCHOOL**  
(COMMUNITY LANGUAGE SCHOOL, DEPT OF EDUCATION)

**Classes at The Ponds HS, The Ponds, NSW 2769**

DAY	TIME	AGE GROUP	CLASS
Saturday	2:00 pm to 4:00 pm	4-17 Years	Sanskrit Poems, Speaking, Reading & Writing

**For more details contact:**  
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**VHP SANSKRIT SCHOOL**  
(COMMUNITY LANGUAGE SCHOOL, DEPT OF EDUCATION)

**Classes at Nuwarra Public School, Moorebank**

DAY	TIME	AGE GROUP	CLASS
Sunday	1:30 pm to 4:00 pm	4-17 Years	Sanskrit Poems, Speaking, Reading & Writing

**For More Details Contact:**  
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Thu, Oct 9, 2025 at 5:42 PM

Namaste Sandya garu

Congratulations on becoming Deputy Mayor of Strathfield for a second term. Akila wanted to have a meeting with you and Mayor when you are available, Please let us know your convenience.

We are resuming Term 4 classes at Homebush this weekend. I am attaching the VHP Sanskrit School Homebush flyer with this email.

Can I request you to put it up on the Strathfield Council website and Library ?

Please see the VHP Newsletter published recently for your information. We will include your name in the mailing list for future circulation.

**Regards**

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