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Fair dinkum, they're learning with not a meat pie in sight



By Anita Maglicic

AUSTRALIAN Centre for Languages colleges at Cabramatta and Fairfield are holding citizenship classes for migrants preparing to apply for Australian nationality.

Thai-born Petcharee Thakaew, of Cabramatta, graduated from the "Let's Participate" citizenship course she took over 10 weeks recently.

College manager Ziba Zohrehvandi said participants were required to do 30 hours of study about Australian government, history, rights and responsibilities.

"It prepares you for the Department of Immigration [citizenship application process]," she said. "They are looking for knowledge of Australia and understanding of rights and laws.

"Students can do night classes, distance learning or Saturday classes - we try to be as accommodating as possible."

The course is free for people who are eligible but can cost \$250 for those who are not. Inquiries: 9723 3126.

On my way: Petcharee Thakaew leaves a "Let's Participate" citizenship course as Vincent Massey and Ziba Zohrehvandi, from the Australian Centre for Languages college, look on. The course is part of the federal Adult Migrant English Program.

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