

Subject Selection Handbook Year 9/10 2025

Subject name Chinese (Mandarin)

Subject code CHI

Additional subject cost Students are offered the opportunity to participate in activities such as the Buddha's Birthday and Chung Tian Temple excursion, Chinese cooking and various language competitions. These optional excursions amount to approximately \$45 per event

Prerequisites Nil. It is preferable, but not essential, to have studied the language in Year 7 and 8

Course overview Studying a foreign language contributes to the educational, intellectual, personal, social and cultural development of the student. Specifically, students who study Mandarin Chinese will:

- gain practical language skills
- acquire a repertoire of language learning strategies for life-long learning
- develop a fuller understanding of English
- develop creative thinking and problem-solving strategies
- demonstrate cultural understanding and develop intercultural competence

Course outline

- Students will explore how Chinese and Australian young people experience and perceive youth culture and how it relates to their own identity
- Students will investigate the wonders of travel to China
- Students will explore their connections with the wider global community including links with Chinese culture
- Students will explore language and culture relating to youth employment in Chinese-speaking cultures
- Students will explore the concept of advertising in Chinese-speaking cultures and Australia
- Students will explore the concept of intergenerational differences in Chinese-speaking countries and Australia.
- Students will investigate different perspectives towards animal conservation in China and Australia
- Students will explore the life stories of young people in Chinese-speaking cultures and Australia

Assessment Chinese assessment incorporates the four macro skills: listening, speaking, reading and writing, and will be assessed by a variety of activities including exams

Subject requirements Nil

Career opportunities Being proficient in Mandarin Chinese will enhance opportunities for you in many careers, e.g. business, translating, hospitality, travel, public service and diplomatic positions. Your chances of being accepted into some universities are also enhanced and you will gain an advantage in an increasingly competitive business world.