

<b>Subject name</b>	<b>Language – Chinese</b>
<b>Subject code</b>	CHI
<b>User pays fee</b>	For Chinese you will be offered the opportunity to participate in activities such as Buddha’s Birthday; a visit to the Chinese Temple in Brisbane; Chinese speaking, writing and poetry competitions and other language competitions. Excursions are optional and offered at approximately \$50
<b>Course overview</b>	<p><i>‘Chinese is recognised as an important language for young Australians....as Australia progresses towards a future of increased trade and engagement with Asia.’</i> ACARA</p> <p>The world is an exciting and ever-changing place. Learning another language not only provides you with a key to the global community and all its opportunities, but also enables you to better understand and connect with people of other cultures. More specifically:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- studying a language enhances career opportunities</li><li>- studying a language will improve your literacy skills and abilities, helping you across all subject areas</li><li>- you will gain practical language skills both in the classroom and using computers for communication</li><li>- your teacher will ensure that both beginning and continuing students of the language will be catered for</li><li>- you will come to recognise the worth of all languages and cultures and develop a respect for and understanding of other people</li></ul>

**Year 7 and 8 (one term in Year 7 and Year 8)**

Students will:

- learn how to engage in everyday conversations with Chinese people – whether visitors to Australia, students from Chinese-speaking countries or long-term residents
- learn how to introduce family, greetings, hobbies, food, travel, festivals, and cultural differences
- engage in everyday conversations
- use exciting computer programs and online learning tools
- engage in a basic study of the history of China
- develop writing skills through the study of Chinese characters
- sustain oral interactions, discuss ideas and opinions
- apply grammar and sentence structure to enhance communication
- use digital resources and text-creation methods to communicate with others
- extend their depth of knowledge and repertoire for communication in and understanding of Chinese language and culture within the world of teenage experience, on topics of general interest
- participate in intercultural experiences including excursions

**Assessment** Information will be collected by your teacher at appropriate times during the units in both years in the form of a **Folio of Work**. In the main, assessment will be used to give you feedback on your progress.