

Subject name	Chinese (Mandarin)
Subject code	CHI
Additional subject cost	Students are offered the opportunity to participate in activities such as visits to Southbank, a Chinese banquet, the 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 8
Course overview	<p>Studying a foreign language contributes to the educational, intellectual, personal, social and cultural development of the student. Specifically, students who study Mandarin Chinese will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 issue of stress and anxiety that affects teenagers in China and Australia - 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 is broken up into 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.