If you talk to a man in a language he understands, that goes to his head. If you talk to him in his own language, that goes to his heart.

NELSON MANDELA

Learning another language is not only learning different words for the same things, but learning another way to think about things.

FLORA LEWIS

The limits of my language mean the limits of my world.

LUDWIG WITTGENSTEIN

One language sets you in a corridor for life. Two languages open every door along the way.

FRANK SMITH

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The Chinese Acceleration program allows students to complete an intensive Chinese language study program from the first year of high school in Year 7 through to Year 9. It is offered at Indooroopilly State High School as part of our commitment to developing a global perspective through the promotion of language learning.

The program runs for three years and provides students with the opportunity to accelerate their proficiency in Mandarin Chinese.

**A World of Opportunities**

**Discover Chinese Culture:**
China has a long and rich history encompassing many aspects of literature, art, architecture, music, and philosophy. Its influence has gone beyond China to other parts of the world, such as Japan, Korea, Vietnam and Malaysia. An understanding of the Chinese language will open doors to a world of fascinating knowledge and endless possibilities.

**Employment Opportunities:**
Chinese is an important language for students in Australia, as Australia progresses towards a future of increased trade, investment, business, educational exchange, research and development in science and technology, and engagement with China.

**Travel and Tourism:**
Australia is one of the most favoured destinations for Chinese-speaking tourists, and Chinese is also useful when travelling to Chinese-speaking countries around the world.

**Personal Development:**
The study of Chinese contributes to students’ personal development in a range of areas including communication skills, intercultural competence, cognitive development, literacy and general knowledge. It strengthens intellectual, analytical and reflective capabilities, and enhances creative and critical thinking.

Chinese is the most widely spoken Language in the world, with over 1.3 billion native speakers and roughly 230 million second language speakers. It is also one of the six official languages of the United Nations.

China is one of Australia’s biggest trading partners and source of tourists. Australia’s economic future is inextricably linked to China through trade, education and tourism.

Chinese is an intellectually challenging and rewarding subject that will promote intercultural understanding and global competence.

The earliest recognisable Chinese characters date back over 3500 years, which makes written Chinese the oldest system of writing in continuous use as a living, thriving language.

**Student testimonials**

“I really enjoy being a part of the Chinese Acceleration Program. I love the lessons and the atmosphere in the dynamic classroom environment. It has helped me expand on my knowledge of Chinese language and culture. I really enjoy speaking Chinese because it just shows me how different the Chinese language is and how fascinating the Chinese culture is.”

Charlie

“My experience so far in the Chinese Acceleration Excellence Program has been amazing! Each lesson we get to learn something new and exciting. I started with knowing no Chinese at all. But just in the first term I have learnt so much. I feel that this program has been great for everyone and that Chinese is really going to help me expand my future career options.”

Mairin

“The thing I have enjoyed the most about the Chinese Acceleration Program is that there are so many interesting learning experiences. My favourite part about the program has to be having Miss Lu as a Chinese teacher. She helps us develop our interest and passion for learning Chinese. Learning Chinese is really easy and fun, especially when we do character analysis together and create special stories for the Chinese characters in class.”

Ashley

“The Chinese Acceleration Program has been great for me, and I absolutely love learning Chinese. I started learning the language in primary school, but I think the acceleration programme really takes our language learning further. We also get to do some of our maths in Chinese, which I really like as well. Learning Chinese is really fun and we all enjoy the activities and Chinese games in class.”

Drew

More information about expressions of interest and applications for the Chinese Acceleration Program can be accessed on our school website, at our annual Open Day and at our Programs of Excellence information evenings throughout the year. Consult www.indoorooshs.eq.edu.au for further information and dates.