

Languages Other Than English (LOTE)

Chinese Continuers

Chinese is the language of communication of approximately one quarter of the world's population. It is one of the official languages of the United Nations. Amongst the many spoken varieties of the language, Mandarin/*Putonghua*, or Modern Standard Chinese, is pre-eminent. Chinese is recognised as one of the fastest growing languages in New South Wales and has one of the largest groups of non-English background speakers in Australia.

China has a significant profile in economic, political and cultural developments, both globally and in the Asia-Pacific region. Australia has a strong connection through trade, political and cultural contacts with both the People's Republic of China and other nations where Chinese communities are important contributors to their growth and diversity.

The ability to communicate in Chinese contributes significantly to the sociocultural and economic understanding between Australia and Chinese-speaking countries and enables students to gain insights into the contributions that have been made by Chinese-speaking communities to Australian, and indeed to global, society.

The study of Chinese provides students with opportunities for continued learning and for future employment and experience, both domestically and internationally, in areas such as public relations, commerce, hospitality, education, marketing, international relations, media and tourism.

The Chinese Continuers Stage 6 course is a two-year course, which has been designed for students who have completed the mandatory course in Years 7 and 8 and an elective course in Years 9 and 10.

The Preliminary Course

The Preliminary Course has themes and associated topics as its organisational focus. Student's skills in, and knowledge of, Chinese will be developed through tasks around a range of texts and text types associated with the themes. Students will gain an insight into the culture and language of Chinese speaking communities.

The HSC Course

The HSC course focuses on three prescribed themes. Students will gain a broader and deeper understanding of Chinese and will extend and refine their skills in the language.

Please note: Students who have attended a Chinese school or who speak Chinese regularly at home may not be eligible for this course. Students wishing to study Chinese Continuers must see the Director of Curriculum to obtain and complete a statutory declaration to prove their eligibility. Permission to study this course will only be granted following a successful application that meets the NESA criteria for eligibility. Eligibility criteria can be found at:

<https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/11-12/stage-6-learning-areas/stage-6-languages/eligibility>

For more information on Chinese Continuers visit the NESA website at:

<http://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/11-12/stage-6-learning-areas/stage-6-languages/continuers/chinese-continuers-syllabus>