After School Chinese Program

Learning Chinese as Second Language

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Our Aim

Children learn some Chinese language and culture while having fun.
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• About XIN JIN SHAN
XIN JIN SHAN Chinese Language & Culture School Inc., founded in 1992, is a non-profit, non-religious and non-political community language school. With the effort of over two decades, XIN JIN SHAN has become one of the most influential Chinese language and culture schools in Australia. There are more than 4,000 students in 10 campuses all over Melbourne.

• About the After School Chinese Program (ASC)
* ASC is an After School Chinese Program catering for the increasing demand to teach Chinese language in primary schools.
* We send our qualified teachers to local primary schools after school hours to teach students Chinese Mandarin.
* The program started in 2011. It is now running in 14 primary schools.
* Time of the program: It normally runs once a week (Mon. to Thursday) during school terms. The class time is usually from 3:45 – 5:30pm.
* A range of fun cultural activities such as art, handcraft, singing, dancing and the introduction of some important Chinese traditional festivals and customs are integrated into Chinese learning experience, ensuring a high quality learning environment where children learn and grow while having fun.
Chinese language is important academically and professionally and will only become more so in the future. Over the last decade the importance of trade between China and Australia has grown four-fold.

It is socially beneficial as well. Knowledge of Chinese language and culture can have many benefits to society. Australians who understand Chinese language and culture can enhance Australia’s economic competitiveness as well as its political and security interests.
Why Children Should Learn a Second Language

Children pick up a different language so quickly, it is the best time to learn.

“You can never understand one language until you understand at least two.”
- Geoffrey Willans

“The limits of my language are 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

“A man who knows two languages is worth two men.”
- French Proverb

“You live a new life for every new language you speak. If you know only one language, you live only once.”
- Czech Proverb

“Knowledge of languages is the doorway to wisdom.”
- Roger Bacon

“Language is not a genetic gift, it is a social gift. Learning a new language is becoming a member of the club - the community of speakers of that language.”
- Frank Smith
Our Staff

* XJS’s teachers are all native Mandarin speakers who have language teaching experience both locally and abroad. Many of our teachers are alumni of prestigious language and education programs including Monash University, Melbourne University and RMIT and have advanced degrees such as master's degrees in education, as well as certification in early childhood education.
* Some of our teachers are VIT registered teachers.
* All of our teachers have attended LOTE Chinese Methodology Teacher Training Courses provided by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development.
* All of our teachers have WWCC -- Working With Children Certificate.
* Some of our teachers have First Aid certificates.
* All of our teachers have that special ability of making learning fun.
* We provide in house training for all of our instructors once a school term, including some special guest Mandarin and Chinese culture experts.
* XJS has a close partnership with the Chinese government who organize annual In-Country Language Refresher Courses for Teachers of Chinese. The intense training courses are held in China each year.
Our Students

* Our students are primary school students from Prep to Grade 6.
* Most of our students are local Australian children who have no Chinese background. Some have a little.
* Students are taught in a mixed age class. The teachers take their Chinese knowledge, level and age into consideration and teach the students accordingly. Each student will be carefully catered for.

Top: We can write Chinese!
Middle: We love Chinese Costumes!
Bottom: We love cooking!
Our Curriculum

* We customise our curriculum for the After School Chinese Program.
* Each term there is a theme. They cover a wide arrange of everyday scenarios and practical content.
* We focus on themed vocabularies. Students learn practical vocabularies and use them in sentences.
* The vocabularies are reinforced through role play, singing, and story telling, etc.
* Examples of themes are: Greetings, Food, Clothes, Transportation, Animals (Chinese Zodiac, Chinese and Australian native animals, pets, etc.), Colours, Numbers, Housing, etc.
* Any student can join our program at any stage of learning without feeling left behind. The vocabulary is always being revised.

Top left: Food
Top: Origami - T-shirt
Left: Peking opera Facial Masks
Our Approach

There is a Chinese proverb:

[wén ér wāng zhī]
[jiàn ěr jì zhī]
[xīng èr zhī zhī]

Which means:

Tell me, I forget,
Show me, I remember,
Involve me, I understand.

Our teachers teach Mandarin Chinese effectively by making learning FUN!

Our programs are designed to reach our students using various pathways to learning such as:

• Themed games
• Indoor-outdoor activities
• Chinese calligraphy and painting
• Arts and crafts
• Music and songs
• Cooking to integrate with Chinese culture (dumplings, moon cakes, Zongzi, etc.)
• Some of our teachers are Chinese Martial Arts masters! Those who are lucky to be their students can learn some Martial Arts!
Demonstrations of Students’ Achievements

At the end of each term, we organize a small show either at your school assembly or in the classroom. Students have opportunity to show what they have learnt about Chinese culture and language through singing, role play, and other forms of performance.
Participating Schools
Some of our happy participating schools are:

- Banyule Primary School
- Berwick Lodge Primary School
- Bundoora Primary School
- Cardinia Primary School
- Carlton Gardens Primary School
- Geelong Grammar School
- Glendal Primary School
- Harkaway Primary School
- Knox Park Primary School
- Wales Street Primary School
- McKinnon Primary School
- Malvern Primary School
- Seaholme Primary School
Testimonials

We all enjoyed it very much. The kids were very excited and sitting in the room ready to go at least 10 minutes early! The teacher was friendly, yet firm and clear with her instructions.

-- Lee Pollard, Principal, Bundoora PS

Chen Laoshi is great. The children enjoy their classes. The teacher is generous with her time, most importantly, she cares and loves the kids and the kids can feel her sincerity.

I’m thankful we have this opportunity for the kids to learn and appreciate our Chinese culture and language.

-- Soo Wee, Parent, Glendal PS

My daughter has participated in your program with the lovely Mr Chen at Harkaway Primary School. She has loved this program. A highlight of the program was last Monday, Mr Chen made dumplings with the children, my daughter stating “the best dumplings ever”. Mr Chen is very popular amongst all the students and has provided them with a good base of knowledge on all things “Chinese”.

-- Carolyn Wright, Parent, Harkaway PS

We are so pleased with Riley’s teacher. She is a really good teacher and the children learn a great deal in her Chinese Class because she is a very skilful teacher.

-- Pam Loughnan, Parent, Bell PS
He is a fantastic teacher. He had the kids engaged and motivated and was spot in with all his activities.

---Sharon Marmo, Principal, Banyule PS

Both my children are always eager to have their Thursday lesson and then can’t stop talking about what they have learnt after the class. They love their teacher very much and as a parent I am extremely proud they are doing so well at the lessons.

--- Rachel, Parent, Berwick Lodge PS

My son is confident to speak Chinese to the Chinese lady at the Chinese restaurant.

--- Mrs O’Toole, Parent, Seaholme PS

My daughter is enjoying it. She came home very happy explaining about the magician and artist. The minute she walked in, she wanted to light the lantern they made.

--- Samantha, Parent, Geelong Grammar School

When I show prospective parents around the school, they are very interested in the Chinese Program and see it as an attraction to the school.

--- Cresten, Principal, Bell PS

The kids have immensely enjoyed her classes each time. My kids have given me feedback that it is very constructive, for example, the teacher repeats words many times and makes an effort so the kids can learn.

---Neelima, Parent, Carlton Gardens PS
Enrolment and Cost

Please contact Jeanine Ma for enrolment. Please email to ask for application form.

The cost is usually $100/term.

If you would like to send your children to our weekend school, please choose one of the ten weekend Chinese school campuses. There is always one close to your home.

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