

Chinese Extension

General senior subject – Year 12 ONLY

General

Recommendation

A High Achievement (B) or above in Year 11 Chinese. This course must be studied either concurrently with, or after, Units 3 and 4 of the General course in Chinese. Student should already have well-developed communication skills in Chinese to enable them to undertake the language work required in this subject.

Rationale

Advanced study in an additional language, as offered in Chinese Extension, equips students with a deeper intercultural understanding and enhanced communicative abilities, preparing them for an increasingly globalised world.

Students use their background knowledge and skills in Chinese in order to investigate how meaning is communicated in Chinese texts. In doing so, they use and enhance the language acquired and developed in the General Chinese syllabus to engage more deeply with a range of text types by creating meaning in Chinese.

Use of Chinese as the main medium for communication enables students to engage with creative thought and expression in Chinese in an increasingly complex range of social and cultural contexts. As this course is an Extension subject, it is expected that students will engage with authentic texts that are challenging in their language elements and in their ideas and concepts. As students develop their analytical, creative and critical thinking in Chinese, they reflect on their perspectives and attitudes. Chinese Extension places students at the centre of their own learning.

Pathways

Chinese Extension is a General subject suited to students who are interested in pathways beyond school that lead to tertiary studies, vocational education or work. A course of study in Chinese Extension can establish a basis for further education and employment, such as in the fields of linguistics, translation or teaching. Many professions and industries, including business, hospitality, law, science, technology, sociology and anthropology, value the knowledge of an additional language and the intercultural understanding it encompasses.

Objectives

By the conclusion of the course of study, students will:

- Apply knowledge of language elements, structures and textual conventions to understand how meaning is conveyed in texts
- apply knowledge of language elements, structures and textual conventions to create meaning in texts
- identify how meaning, attitudes, perspectives and values underpin texts and influence audiences
- analyse and evaluate information and ideas to draw conclusions and justify points of view and arguments
- create texts that convey information and ideas in Chinese for context, purpose, audience and cultural conventions
- structure, sequence and synthesise information to respond to texts personally, critically and/or creatively.

Delivery (mode, time requirements, lessons)

Lessons are delivered via an online platform. Students have access to two one-hour scheduled lessons. They are expected to undertake independent study to complete tasks and assessment in accordance with the Work Rate Calendar.

Student requirements

Computer, access to email and internet, telephone, USB headset with microphone, exercise book and stationery.

Structure

Unit 3	Unit 4
<p>Guided investigation</p> <p>The school chooses two areas of study from the list below.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • literature • the arts • social sciences media studies • innovation, science and technology business and commerce 	<p>Independent investigation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The student chooses an area of special interest that is not an extension of a learning experience undertaken in the subject matter of Unit 3.

Assessment

Summative assessment

Unit 3		Unit 4	
Summative internal assessment 1 (IA1): Examination — combination response	20%	Summative internal assessment 3 (IA3): Project — investigative folio	30%
Summative internal assessment 2 (IA2): Examination — extended response	25%	Summative external assessment (EA): Examination — extended response	25%

In Units 3 and 4 students complete four summative assessments. The results from each of the assessments are added together to provide a subject score out of 100. Students will also receive an overall subject result (A–E).

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