

Who are we?

The School of Languages is a government school established in 1986 to enhance access, choice and continuity in language learning for South Australian students, through the provision of quality programs in a broad range of languages R—12, that complement and supplement languages programs offered in mainstream schools and ethnic schools.



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About Chinese (Mandarin)

The history of the Chinese community in Australia extends back to the mid-1800s, and patterns of migration in recent decades have seen rapid growth in Australia's Chinese population.

Current links between Australia and China are characterised by bilateral relationships in trade and investment, as well as educational exchanges, and research and development in science and technology. The movement of people and ideas, as well as economic, cultural and educational exchange, adds to the richness and complexity of this relationship.

Chinese has been taught in Australian schools since the 1950s, and experienced rapid growth in the 1980s as China undertook a policy of open-door and economic reform. Chinese is recognised as an important language for young Australians to learn as Australia progresses towards a future of increased trade and engagement with Asia.

Chinese taught at School of Languages refers to Modern Standard Chinese, Pinyin Romanisation and simplified characters. Given the ongoing use of both forms of Chinese characters (simplified and full form) in the media, in education and in environmental print (advertisements and shop signs), some knowledge or awareness of both systems is an advantage, for Chinese speakers and Chinese learners alike.

At School of Languages the Second Language Learner Pathway (Reception – Year 10) caters for students learning Chinese as a second or additional language based on the majority cohort however teachers will cater for all learners by making any appropriate adjustments to differentiate learning experiences for their students.

Adapted from the Australian Curriculum: Languages – Chinese Context Statement

<http://v7-5.australiancurriculum.edu.au/languages/chinese/context-statement>

Where are lessons held?

Reception - Year 7*

School of Languages

Saturday, 9am-12:00pm

Alberton Primary School

Wednesday, 3:30 - 5:00pm

Belair Primary School

Tuesday, 3:30 - 5:00pm

Modbury Primary School

Monday, 3:30-5:00pm

Torrens Valley CS

Tuesday, 3:45 - 5:15pm

Years 8 and 9

Adelaide High School

Wednesday, 5:00-7:30pm

Year 10

Adelaide High School

Wednesday, 5:00-8:00pm

Stage 1 and 2

Beginners

Adelaide High School

Wednesday, 5:00-8:00pm

Stage 1/2 Continuers

Adelaide High School

Thursday, 5:00-8:00pm

Stage 1 Background Speakers

Adelaide High School

Monday, 5:00-8:00pm

Stage 2 Background Speakers

Adelaide High School

Tuesday, 5:00-8:00pm

How are courses delivered?

The School of Languages offers year long courses beginning in February and following school terms. Classes are held once per week.

How do I enrol?

If you are interested in learning a language, please contact the School of Languages.

We would be happy to answer any questions you may have and look forward to hearing from you.

How much does it cost?

The following annual charges apply:

Government school students

- Reception - Year 10: \$125
- Years 11-12: \$150
- 8-10 Full fee-paying overseas student: \$760
- Years 11-12 Full fee-paying overseas student: \$840

Non-government school students

- Reception - Year 10: \$125
- Years 11-12: \$150
- 8-10 Full fee-paying overseas student: \$1150
- Years 11-12 Full fee-paying overseas student: \$1250

