



## Sister School Relationship 姐妹学校

Sister school partnerships are a great way for schools to deepen their global learning and engagement, expose their students to different countries and cultures and build the global citizenship, intercultural capabilities and critical and creative thinking of their students, teachers and communities (Department of Education and Training, 2021).

The sister school exchange program is an important part of language teaching and learning at McKinnon, especially in the senior years. Our sister school is Miduqiao Primary School, in Changzhou, Jiangsu Province, China.

## Transition 幼小衔接和插班生的过渡

As your role as parents or carers, you might be worried about any difficulties that your child may have during the transition from one school to another or from kinder to primary school with no prior knowledge in Chinese. We assure you that your child will have an easy and uncomplicated transition; by introducing the whole program at a serene manner. We have many of enthusiastic and readily learning pupils, who can present this new learning experience in a trouble-free-way.

## Why Learn Chinese

### 为什么要学习中文

The future is bright for young Australians with Chinese language skills and an understanding of Chinese culture.

The size of Chinese markets and other markets accessible through Chinese intermediaries will lead to Chinese becoming a key trade language.

Knowledge of Chinese can open doors to a wide range of employment opportunities in the areas of banking, finance, business, education, hospitality, retail and tourism.

China offers a unique history, geography and culture. Knowledge of the Chinese language will enable better communication with Chinese speaking people and provide a better understanding of Chinese culture.

Victoria's large Chinese speaking community, the abundance of Chinese restaurants, business and social groups all provide students of Chinese with real opportunities to use the language beyond the classroom (Department of Education and Training, 2006).

**Please watch our student-led bilingual school tour in English and Chinese on our school website.**

**欢迎您在我们学校的官网，欣赏由学生们制作的双语校园介绍！**



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麦金农小学中文课程介绍

## Approaches to Learning

### 互动式的趣味教学

When it comes to class time, we don't just teach through worksheets and regular-based learning. A range of pedagogical approaches is used to reflect best practice in language learning.

Technology is used as a tool to give students opportunities to immerse themselves in the language as much as possible. We teach through music, songs and games. By doing this, it ensures that this is an interactive learning experience for everyone. Especially for the younger learners; to help make the learning experience easier. It is crucial for them to have lots of involvement and interaction within their education.

### Curriculum 语言教学大纲

Language teachers adapt their approaches to the objectives of IB PYP and of the Victorian Curriculum. Principally, the approach is inquiry based. Topics studied in Chinese are linked to units of inquiry in their homeroom where appropriate. By doing it this way, it supports the students to have a comprehensive and integrated learning experience. This allows students to expose themselves further into their language and cultural education at an early stage.



## Differentiation 分层教学

We completely understand that every student works at a different learning pace. For Chinese Background Learners who speak Chinese at home, there are learning experiences particularly designed for them, majorly focusing on vocabulary expansion and writing to extend their language learning at school.



### Excursions and Incursions 远足, 游览和课外活动

Here at McKinnon, we make sure that learning time is engaging for everyone. To do so, incursions and excursions to cultural events, restaurants, museums, etc. are organised to further enrich language studies and to make the learning process more exciting and fun. This gives students the chance to grasp a deeper understanding on the language and culture.

Whole School- Chinese New Year Celebrations (Lion Dance, Dumplings and Lantern Making)

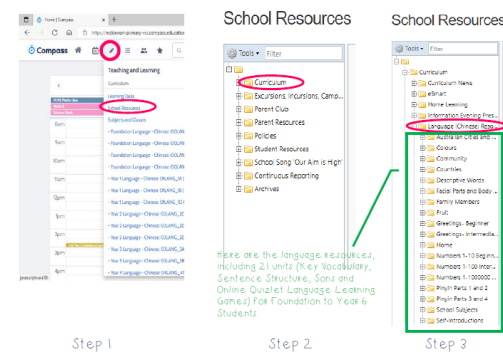
Year Three- China Town and Chinese Museum

Year Four- Golden Dragon Museum

Year Five- Sovereign Hill

Year Six- Pepper Green Farm and Central Deborah Gold Mine

Step by Step Guide: How to Access Language Resources on Compass



## Home Learning Resources

### 家庭学习资料

We understand many parents do not speak Chinese at home, but you are keen support your child's language learning at home. Therefore, we have put a collection of language learning resources on Compass for existing and newly joined students and families. The resources (vocabulary lists, audio files and language games) will provide students with opportunities to catch up, consolidate and/or further promote their language learning.

## Language Captains

### 学生领袖

As part of the student leadership program, Language Captains will be challenged to promote their Chinese language proficiency, public speaking skills, verbal and non-verbal communication skills, confidence and leadership capabilities through lots of purposefully designed activities. This is an amazing way to experience the world of leadership and responsibilities.