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.

Chinese Course Information 2017

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About Chinese (Mandarin)

Chinese is a significant world language spoken by about one-quarter of the world's population.

Modern Standard Chinese is pre-eminent among the many spoken varieties of Chinese. It is the major language of communication in China, Taiwan and Singapore, and it is widely used by Chinese communities throughout the Asia-Pacific region, including Australia, where people with a Chinese background have been part of Australian society for many generations.

The People's Republic of China (PRC) has a strong economic, political and cultural profile globally and is a major influence in the nations of the Asia-Pacific region. Australia has strong connections through trade, and political and cultural contacts with both the PRC and other nations with Chinese communities. The study of Chinese supports the relationship with these countries in our region.

The study of Chinese gives access to an important cultural and linguistic heritage. Chinese culture and language have a continuous history of more than 4000 years and Chinese cultural and linguistic heritage has influenced other cultures through knowledge, technology, religion, philosophy and values.

Studying Chinese can also provide a pathway for students into post-secondary options. These options may include employment in the domestic or international economy in areas such as tourism, technology, finance, services and business.

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
  - Torrens Valley CS
    - Tuesday, 3:45 - 5:15pm
  - Westminster School
    - Monday, 3:45 - 5:15pm
  - Woodside Primary School
    - Wednesday 3:30 - 5:00pm

- **Years 8 and 9**
  - Adelaide High School
    - Wednesday, 5:00-7:30pm
  - Torrens Valley CS
    - Tuesday, 3:45 - 6:15pm

- **Year 10**
  - Torrens Valley CS
    - Tuesday, 3:45 - 6:45pm

- **Stage 1 and 2 Beginners**
  - Adelaide High School
    - Wednesday, 5:00-8:00pm

- **Stage 1 Continuers**
  - Adelaide High School
    - Wednesday, 5:00-8:00pm

- **Stage 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**

- Years R – 10: $100
- Years 11-12: $120
- Full Fee Paying Overseas Student: $780

**Non-Government School**

- Years R – 10: $100
- Years 11-12: $120
- Full Fee Paying Overseas Student: $1200
- IB Diploma student: $1500