General senior subject

Chinese

Chinese provides students with the opportunity to reflect on their understanding of the Chinese language and the communities that use it, while also assisting in the effective negotiation of experiences and meaning across cultures and languages. Students participate in a range of interactions in which they exchange meaning, develop intercultural understanding and become active participants in understanding and constructing written, spoken and visual texts.

Students communicate with people from Chinese-speaking communities to understand the purpose and nature of language and to gain understanding of linguistic structures. They acquire language in social and cultural settings and communicate across a range of contexts for a variety of purposes.

Students experience and evaluate a range of different text types; reorganise their thinking to accommodate other linguistic and intercultural knowledge and textual conventions; and create texts for a range of contexts, purposes and audiences.

Pathways

A course of study in Chinese can establish a basis for further education and employment in many professions and industries, particularly those where the knowledge of an additional language and the intercultural understanding it encompasses, could be of value, such as business, hospitality, law, science, technology, sociology and education.

Objectives

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

• comprehend Chinese to understand information, ideas, opinions and experiences
• identify tone, purpose, context and audience to infer meaning, values and attitudes
• analyse and evaluate information and ideas to draw conclusions and justify opinions, ideas and perspectives
• apply knowledge of Chinese language elements, structures and textual conventions to convey meaning appropriate to context, purpose, audience and cultural conventions
• structure, sequence and synthesise information to justify opinions, ideas and perspectives
• use strategies to maintain communication and exchange meaning in Chinese.

Recommendations for Success

Completion of Year 10 Chinese or the equivalent level is essential, with at least a C. Students who wish to apply for this prerequisite to be waived must contact the BrisbaneSDE Head of Department for Languages.

It is essential that students can read and write Year 10 level Chinese characters.

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• Family/carers and friends
• Lifestyle and leisure
• Education

• Travel
• Technology and media
• The contribution of Chinese culture to the world

• Roles and relationships
• Socialising and connecting with my peers
• Individuals in society

• Finishing secondary school, plans and reflections
• Responsibilities and moving on
Assessment

BrisbaneSDE will devise assessments in Units 1 and 2 to prepare students for Units 3 and 4 assessment.

Summative assessments

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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Texts

To be advised.