

How can parents get involved?

Parents and carers can be involved in their children's Chinese language learning through performances (such as our Chinese dance group to the St George Performing Arts Festival) and cultural activities (China Day and the Autumn Festival). They can also stay informed through our fortnightly newsletters.

For more information about the program, please see the **Department of Education website** at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/curriculum/languages/confucius-institute-at-nsw-department-of-education>



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Confucius Classroom





What is a Confucius Classroom?

A Confucius Classroom enhances understanding and friendship between young people of China and Australia.

A Confucius Classroom is more than a physical space. It is the integration of activities, relationships and culture within Hurstville South Public School to promote an understanding of Chinese language (Mandarin) and culture.

Students in all Confucius Classrooms follow the syllabus set by NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA). Lessons are delivered by our qualified teachers, Cheng Peng, Elly Kwong, David Chen and Yilin Zhu, supported by a native speaker assistant from China. The program is overseen by the school principal, Ms Michelle Shelton.

What do students learn in a Confucius Classroom?

Our students learn the language necessary to function in real or imagined situations.

Each week students receive lessons which include literacy and numeracy strategies, catered for both background and non-background speakers.

Students learn how to communicate across cultures through engaging with Chinese language and culture. Students experience authentic language and culture, including paper cutting, Peking opera masks, Chinese songs, knots, calligraphy and communicating with native speakers. Students also learn about students within their sister school, Jinling Primary School, Nanjing Province.

Students also take part in an Immersion Day when nearby Confucius Classrooms learn together and perform for one another.



What are the benefits for students?

The benefits of studying Chinese include:

- enriched conceptual development
- enhanced literacy development
- increased intercultural understanding
- appreciation of cultural diversity
- expanded employment prospects.