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## INFORMATION 2019

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Students from local Primary and High Schools will access intensive support as Beginner learners of Chinese (Mandarin) thanks to the new Cairns State High School Chinese Language Academy launching in 2019.

Year 5 and 6 students are invited now to apply for positions in the Chinese Academy for 2019. They must be beginner learners and have the strong desire to access quality experiences, commit to additional learning activities and be keen to develop their academic talent. Cairns State High Year 7 and 8 students are also able to complete an EOI to access the academy to accelerate their development in Mandarin.

As a beginner extension curriculum, students engage in a range of topics not normally included in the classroom environment, practice speaking skills by being immersed in a Mandarin language environment. Reading, listening and writing skills are also explicitly developed. Cultural activities throughout the year add to students' experience in language, providing context and real life practice in Chinese.

The Chinese Academy will limit initial intake to 25 places.

Applications are now able to be submitted to the school. Expressions of Interest are due by November 30 and successful applicants will be notified by December 7. Chinese Academy lessons will commence on Thursday 7 February and run for 8 weeks each term from 3:20pm-4:30pm. Lessons are held in the Language Precinct in R Block, near the library (Entrance off Upward Street).

The Academy is staffed by an experienced Chinese language teacher permanently on the Languages staff at Cairns State High and additional support is provided by senior students who volunteer their time to tutor and mentor the younger learners.

Year 5 and 6 Primary students who are successfully enrolled in the Chinese Academy are not automatically eligible for enrolment at Cairns State High School for Year 7. Only if students satisfy either the conditions for an in-catchment acceptance or are successful through audition/trial for established Programs of Excellence, may be eligible for enrolment.

A materials fee of \$50 per term applies to the Chinese Academy course. Students are expected to complete the full year of the program and must apply annually to the program.

Mandarin refers to Standard Chinese, which is based on the particular Mandarin dialect spoken in Beijing, with some lexical and syntactic influence from other Mandarin dialects. It is the official spoken language of the People's Republic of China (PRC), the de facto official language of the Republic of China (ROC, Taiwan), and one of the four official languages of the Republic of Singapore. It also functions as the language of instruction in Mainland China and in Taiwan. It is one of the six official languages of the United Nations.

More than one billion people speak Mandarin as their first language making it the most spoken language in the world. If you wish to learn a language that one in six people in the world speaks, this is the one for you!

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# EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

2019

First Name	
Family Name:	
Home Address:	
2019 School Grade	
School Name	
Latest achievement result for the study of English	
Other language(s) studied	
Latest achievement result for other language(s) studied	
Latest effort result for the study of language(s)	
Language(s) spoken at home	
Mother's first language(s)	
Father's language(s)	
Have you previously experienced learning Chinese?	
What will you do to make sure you will be successful in the Chinese Academy?	
<i>For student to complete:</i> Why do you wish to gain entry to the Chinese Academy?	
<i>For parent/carer to complete:</i> What is it that you wish for your child to gain from participation in the Chinese Academy?	
Student Signature:	
Parent/Carer Name:	
Parent/Carer email:	
Parent/Carer phone:	
Parent/Carer Signature:	
Date:	