



# Chinese Continuers

## What is Stage 1 Chinese Continuers?

Stage 1 Chinese Continuers is for students who have been studying Chinese in Years 8, 9 and 10 as a foreign or second language. Students study modern standard Chinese and Chinese culture and acquire knowledge, skills in vocabulary and grammar through their participation in reading, writing, listening and speaking activities.

## Why study Stage 1 Chinese Continuers?

Chinese has become one of the biggest business partners for Australia and is one of the biggest export destinations for Australia. The Chinese economy is growing rapidly and is going to be the world's biggest economy in the foreseeable future.

Chinese is spoken by a majority of the world population and is spoken more than English. Chinese is the second internet language at the moment and is predicted to overtake English in 2010.

Studying Chinese increases employment and career opportunities both in Australia and overseas.

After completing Stage 1 and Stage 2 Chinese, students are entitled to obtain 2 SACE bonus points for University Entry at many major Universities within Australia including Adelaide University.

## Course content of Stage 1 Chinese Continuers

Stage 1 Chinese Continuers includes a variety of fun and meaningful topics that link closely with modern Chinese life and economy, such as shopping, leisure and entertainment (eating out, watching TV, going to movies, Karaoke), geography, climate, comparisons of living in the city and country and travelling between China and Australia. It focuses on learning both Chinese language and culture.

Students learn different skills of communication in modern Chinese through reading, writing, listening and speaking. Through participating in a variety of class activities, students also develop their skills of text analysis, critical thinking and conversation in Chinese.

## Assessment Components

Assessment in Stage 1 Chinese Continuers consists of the following components, weighted as shown:

• Interaction	20%
• Text Production	20%
• Text Analysis	30%
• Investigative Task	30%

**Total: 100%**

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## Learning Requirements of the Course

At the end of the program in Chinese Continuers, students should be able to:

- Converse in basic Chinese to shop and barter at a market, to describe and compare leisure and entertainment activities between China and Australia, and to comment on the advantages and disadvantages of living in the city and county;
- Write in Chinese to express their opinions and complete tasks in a variety of text types such as letter, diary entry, magazine article, report and essays;
- Comprehend, compare and convey meaning and information through both listening and reading texts in the target language;
- Compare, contrast and appreciate the cultural differences between China and Australia.

## Future Pathways in Chinese Continuers

Stage 1 Chinese equips students with the knowledge and skills for the tourism industry, trade and business, geography and topography, leisure and entertainment and the media. This subject will greatly benefit students who seek further studies in TAFE or University or employment options in the above areas.

## Required Text(s) for Stage 1 Chinese Continuers

Students will have access to one book about Chinese documentaries and about China. Topics include histories and geographies are:

- The Wild Swans,
- Mao's Last Dancer,
- the Joy Luck Club,
- The Lonely Planet

## What are the prerequisites?

Students who wish to take this course need to pass Year 10 Chinese with a C grade.



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## Further Information

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