



# International Student Program Newsletter

Newsletter 1

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Nǐ Hǎo - 你好 (hello in Mandarin). We have a number of Chinese students from mainland China as well as Taiwan and Hong Kong.

Last year we were successful in gaining our Level 2 Accreditation. Since then our numbers have climbed steadily. This term we have 22 students at Cavendish Road, next term this will increase to 32. Term 4 will see us have 43 international students with a further 17 in High School Preparation (HSP).

Each school involved in the program has its numbers set to 10% of the Year 11 & 12 cohort. This means that we will not go beyond 50 students.

We have just finished hosting a study tour from Chubu in Japan. In August we will have Junten Super Science High School from Japan visiting for 2 weeks. Mr Steve Griffiths from Science has been busy organising the program. Mr Denner and Mr Griffith met with three teachers from Junten last week. They were excited with the program Mr Griffith has proposed.

Our sister school – Omiya Koryo will be visiting from 25 July – 3 August. Junten will be visiting from 17 – 29 August.

A very BIG THANK YOU to Annabelle Cooper (Senior International Prefect) and Barbara Simon (Junior International Prefect) to the wonderful work they have done throughout Term 1. They have helped our students make the transition to our school as well as helped enormously with the Chubu study tour.

Our Year 12's from last year did very well. Sherry Zhang obtained an OP2 and is studying Physiotherapy at Adelaide University. Jean Jang received an OP 5 and is studying at UQ. Mario Ding received an OP13 and is studying at the University of WA. Dilan obtained an OP13. He is currently working until he can return to Sri Lanka.

For teachers new to the school the International Program is made of a series of programs. The Graduate Program is for students who are here long term, usually until the end of Year 12. Study Abroad Program can be for 1 – 4 terms. We mostly receive students from Italy and Germany for this program and they usually commence in Term 3. Next term we will be having Matthias Zoll join us from Germany.

The International department also looks after the students who are here on a Dependant or Tourist Visa.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact myself or Lesley Huxley, the Homestay Co-ordinator. Come to B22 to visit us and the students.

## Grammar Lessons

Mrs Carius has once again been providing ESL help for our international students for this term. She was the Teacher Librarian as well as an English teacher prior to her retirement last year.

Mrs Pettersen also provides additional ESL help for all students (International and Domestic) during sport time. This has been designed to help with paragraph and sentence structure along with tenses. We also wish to include structured essay writing.

Dr Philip J Guo in his thesis "Common English Mistakes Made by Native Chinese Speakers" (<http://www.pgbovine.net/chinese-english-mistakes.htm>) states that in Chinese there are not any separate gender pronouns. This means when a native Chinese speaker is speaking or writing English they omit these pronouns or reverse them. They also do not have singular and/or plural nouns.

## Students

Our students this term are:

### Year 12

Miekal Al Zoubi (Germany)  
Jacky Cheung (Hong Kong)  
Harry Han (China)  
Juan Martinez (Columbia)  
Nhi Truong (Vietnam)  
Grace Xian (China)  
Mia Zhang (China)

### Year 11

Vicky Chang (Taiwan)  
Terry Feng (China)  
Franc Kalpana (Thailand)  
Ayaka Kanesekei (Japan)  
Shuichi Matsuda (Japan)  
Wave Seelsut (Thailand)  
Virginia Wang (China)  
Up Wang (China)

## Year 10

Christine Duan (China)  
Jay Huang (China)  
Kirara Ishida (Japan)  
Ha Phuong Pham (Vietnam)  
Brian Zhang (China)  
Owen Zhuang (China)

## Year 8

Abdulaziz Alarifi (Saudi Arabia)

## Homestay News from Lesley

### Homestay Payments

You will have noticed by now that the homestay fee has been increased in 2015. The new weekly payment amount is \$263 per week. Payments are made one week in advance and one week in arrears. We are unable to process a payment for a student until they have actually moved in to their homestay. The payment is processed with the next fortnightly payment to our other homestay families. If this will cause you any difficulties please let me know in advance.

### Homestay documentation

The Homestay Co-ordinator is required to keep a copy of the following documents and they must be up to date:

- The home and contents and legal liability policy of the homestay provider
- Both homestay parents current drivers licence
- A Risk Management Self - Assessment Form (the homestay provider is required to complete and submit a new form every 12 months)

If you have renewed your home and contents insurance policy or your driver's licence in the past 12 months (and you have not already given me a copy) could you please take a copy and send it in to me.

### Microwave

You have probably heard from your student that we now have a

microwave in our office. Students can now bring leftovers and heat them up for lunch. Lots of our students are doing this already and some wonderful smells are filling our office at first break.

Lesley will be working in the office on Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30 am – 3:00 pm, and Wednesday from 10:30 am – 3:30 pm. If you need to contact her please either come and see her or send her an email on [lhuxl6@eq.edu.au](mailto:lhuxl6@eq.edu.au).

## Cultural Differences

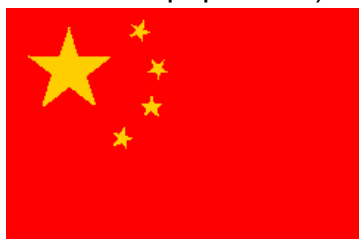
Many cultural differences exist between different groups. Over the next year I will be including some of these differences in the newsletter.

It is interesting to know that students from China usually have between 35 – 50 students in class and they study 11 – 12 subjects.

In Japan, activities are held after school at school and many students do not get home until after 8 pm.

## CHINA

Population **1.4 billion** (19.24% of the world's population)



**Size:** 9,600,000 sq km

**Location:** Middle and East Asia bounded on the east by the Pacific Ocean

**Climate:** Mainly continental monsoon

Beijing (the Capital) has been populated for over 3,000 years. As at 2013 its population was 20.15 million.

**Population:** 47% of the population live in urban areas. The most populated city is Shanghai. Other major cities

include Chongqing, Shenzhen and Guanzhou.

### Interesting Facts

- ☼ The Great Wall of China is the largest man made structure in the world, stretching over 8,850 kilometres and can be seen from space.
- ☼ It hosted the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games
- ☼ The Chinese population is made of Han Chinese (93.3%) plus 55 other ethnic groups
- ☼ 20 million 20 year old trees are cut down each year to make chopsticks.
- ☼ China has 4 megacities with a population of over 10 million people.
- ☼ From 2011 – 2013 China used more cement than the USA used in the whole of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.
- ☼ More people go to church on Sunday than live in the whole of Europe.
- ☼ A new skyscraper is built in China every five days
- ☼ Table Tennis is the national sport.
- ☼ There is a bridge between mainland China and Macau that has cars switching from left hand to right hand drive and vice versa.
- ☼ In some parts of China sunrise may be as late of 10am as the country has combined 5 different time zones into one.
- ☼ The world's first paper money was created in China over 1,400 years ago.
- ☼ China uses 45 billion chopsticks per year
- ☼ The world's biggest mall is located in China and is 99% empty
- ☼ Beijing has been China's political centre for the last 800 years.

Until next time Zàijàn-( 再见)  
Goodbye.