



# STAWELL SECONDARY COLLEGE

CHINESE EXCHANGE PROGRAM

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The Chinese International Program has a long history at Stawell Secondary College, which can be traced back to 2001 and has led to Chinese becoming a popular foreign language choice for students at the school. In 2008, Chinese as a LOTE subject was introduced to Year 7 students as part of the school curriculum and since then has grown within the school. The exchange program with two of our sister schools in China, Qujing Nationality Middle School and Yancheng Middle School, has run smoothly and successfully since it was established. Overall, we have hosted 8 visiting groups of students and teachers from China. The Chinese visiting students and teachers have enjoyed their stay in Stawell and our students and teachers have certainly benefited through the language and culture exchange program.

Every two years, Stawell Secondary College organizes a China Study Tour for our students to experience the culture and gain further exposure to the language. The China Tour in 2011 was a great success and received positive feedback from both parents and students. Although Stawell has limited resources due to its geographical location, our students still demonstrate a passion for the language and aim for a high level of achievement. In 2012, three of our students from Years 9 and 10 successfully accessed the Chinese Scholarship Program and took part in a two-week exchange program in Beijing. This year, 15 students are very excited and also looking forward to the upcoming China Trip in September. The students are very keen to make friends, improve their Chinese language skills and experience Chinese culture during this trip.

Moreover, Stawell Secondary College has built a positive and cooperative relationship with Hanban and the Confucius Institute in China. From 2008 through to 2012, there have been 5 teaching assistant volunteers who have worked at Stawell Secondary College.

Stawell has a very long history with Chinese immigrants first moving to the area during the Gold Rush of the early Nineteenth Century. Although many of the Chinese people moved on to other places at the end of the Gold Rush, the influence of the Chinese culture has remained in the area and been rejuvenated by the introduction of an International Student Program at Stawell Secondary College. Further to this, the growing influence of China on the global economic stage has not gone unnoticed within Australia. The growth of the Chinese Language Program at Stawell Secondary College also provides an ongoing path for students to learn Chinese beyond primary school.

## 思朵中学及其中文目

中文目在思朵中学有很长的历史，最早可以追溯到2001年。2008年，中文作第二言正式从7年始入学校的程大。在，中文目已逐步成长了学校受欢迎的外学科。学校与中国的两所姐妹学校——江苏城中学以及云南曲靖民族中学——都有着定的交生目。我至今接待了8交流学生和教师，他很享受在思朵的交流学。我学校的学生和教师也对他的受益匪浅。

每两年学校都会织一次“中国游”，学中文的学生充分感受中国文化，在厚的言环境下学中文。2010年的“中国游”活动就取得了极大的成功，受到了家长和学生的的一致好。虽然思朵中学的部分源受限于其偏的地理位置，但这并不影响学生对中文言的情及成就。2012年，3位分别自9年和10年的学生成功获得了由汉办助的中文学金——期两周的北京交生目。今年学校将有15名学生在九月去中国。他期待着在这次活动中交到更多朋友，并学到更多中国言和文化。

与此同时，思朵中学与汉办和孔子学院也建立互助互惠的友好合作关系。从2008年至2012年，共有5名自中国的对外汉志愿者思朵中学工作、学。

早在19和20世，思朵在黄金采业上就与中国下了不解之。虽然随着淘金的束，多中国人搬离了这个地区，但是在21世的今天，中国经济的崛起中国文化及言再一次在这个地区引起了注。思朵中学日益壮大的中文目不仅增加了中国文化及言在当地的影响力，同时也当地的小学生提供了一个性的言程。