Chinese Museum
Education Programs 2013

Conveniently located within Melbourne’s Chinatown, we have over 20 years of experience in running successful schools programs. Come visit us in person, organise an incursion to your school, or order a resource box for your classroom. Call us on 9662 2888 for enquiries or bookings.

Programs, exhibitions and special events for schools are announced throughout the year. Subscribe to our Education E-News for up to date information. www.chinesemuseum.com.au/education

2013 Year of the Snake
Exhibitions Calendar

Term 1: Celebrating the Year of the Snake
Term 2: The Art of Shadow Puppetry (Returning by popular demand)
Term 3: Moon Lantern Festival
Term 4: HK ID Contemporary Photography

Excursions to the Museum

Bring your school on a excursion to the Chinese Museum for an unforgettable learning experience. Choose one or more of our guided tours, activities and workshops.

■ Chinese Museum Guided Tour

Foundation (Prep) - Adult

A guided tour of three of the Museum’s permanent exhibition areas. Students will gain an overview of Chinese and Chinese-Australian history and culture beginning with Finding Gold, an introduction to life on the goldfields in the 1850s. In the Dragon Gallery, students will discover a fascinating aspect of Melbourne’s history and learn about Chinese mythology and symbolism. The Chinese-Australians gallery provides a unique insight into Chinese-Australian history over 160 years through to the present day. Topics covered include: migration, identity, industry, fashion, traditional and ancient history and culture, food and medicine, racism in Australia, and the contribution of Chinese-Australian to Australian culture.

When booking a Chinatown Guided Tour and Guided Museum Tour as a package, students will receive a complimentary 15 minute cultural demonstration*.

AusVELS:
Humanities: History Levels 1-3, 5-6, 8-10 and Geography Level 3-6;
Languages (Chinese) Levels F-10
Fee: $7 per student
Minimum: 15 Students
Duration: 1 hour 15 minutes (2 hours 15 mins when combined with Guided Museum Tour and cultural demonstration)
*Cultural demonstration is selected according to availability of demonstrators.

■ Melbourne’s Chinatown Guided Tour

Year 1 - Adult

Explore the oldest, continuously settled Chinatown in the Western world on this guided tour of Melbourne’s Chinatown precinct. The many heritage-listed buildings in Little Bourke Street tell the story of life for new arrivals in the 1850s – as a place to purchase supplies for the goldfields, to meet in the community club houses, to obtain traditional medicine from herbalists and to dine on traditional Chinese food. Students will be introduced to various aspects of the street culture, architecture and cuisine and will explore the area with visits to places such as a Chinese grocery shop and a Chinese lolly shop.

When booking a Chinatown Guided Tour and Guided Museum Tour as a package, students will receive a complimentary 15 minute cultural demonstration.

AusVELS:
Humanities: History Level 1-3, 6, 9-10 and Geography Level 3-6
Fee: $7 per student
Minimum: 15 Students
Duration: 1 hour (2 hours 15 mins when combined with Guided Museum Tour and cultural demonstration)
*Cultural demonstration is selected according to availability of demonstrators.

Our Education Program is proudly supported by:
Finding Gold Discovery Activity

Finding Gold is an immersive exhibition exploring the experiences of Chinese immigrants who travelled to the Victorian goldfields during the gold rush of the 19th century. In this special discovery program, students assume a character on the goldfields and move through the exhibition at their own pace, gathering the information they need to write an account of their experiences on the goldfields. A Museum instructor provides guidance through the use of focus questions.

AusVELS: Humanities: History Level 5-6 and 9, Geography Level 3-6; English Levels 4-10.
Fee: $7 per student
Minimum: 15 students
Maximum: 20 students
Duration: 1 hour 15 minutes

"ESL" Interactive Learning Tour

An interactive learning experience designed specifically for students of English as an additional language or dialect (formerly known as ESL – English as a Second Language). The tour can be taken from Intermediate to Advanced levels. With the aid of specially designed worksheets, students develop their vocabulary and language skills outside the classroom and experience Australian culture in a stimulating environment.

AusVELS: English as an Additional Language or Dialect (EAL/D – previously known as ESL) 7-10; VCE EAL/D
Fee: $7 per student
Minimum: 15 students
Maximum: 20 students
Duration: 1 hour 15 minutes

Exploratorium Chinese Language and Culture Centre

The Exploratorium allows students to immerse themselves in Chinese culture, history and contemporary society through the use of interactive touch screens. Companion worksheets are available. Topics covered include: Chinese Ancient Thinkers; Chinese Landscape and Scenery; Ancient Chinese Science and Technology; Paper-cutting Chinese Horoscope Animals; Chinese Folk Music.

AusVELS: Humanities: History Levels 4, 7-9, Geography Levels 3-6; Languages (Chinese) Levels F-10; The Arts, Levels 3-6
Fee: Free in conjunction with another program.
Bookings required.
Maximum: 20 students
Duration: 30-45 mins.
This is a self-guided activity.

Bridge of Memories

The Bridge of Memories exhibition explores the complexities of cultural identity through the very personal experiences of Chinese Australians who have migrated since the 1950s. Through images, text and video presentations, it promotes an understanding of the diverse cultural makeup of the Chinese community: people from China, Cambodia, Malaysia, East Timor, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Singapore, Indonesia and Vietnam, who have come to our shores in a complex range of changing economic, social and political circumstances. Text panels are in English and Chinese.

AusVELS: Humanities: History Levels 6, 10; English Levels 6-10; Languages (Chinese) Levels 7-10; complements VCE studies in English, Chinese, Politics, History.
Fee: Free (with general admission). Bookings required.
Maximum: 60 students
Duration: Allow students at least 45 minutes to read and view all material.
This is a self-guided activity.

Remembering Chinatown Walking Tour

This self-guided walking tour can be taken individually or in small groups and is perfect for students undertaking independent City Experience excursions. Participants pick up an audio device and a beautiful full-colour booklet from the Chinatown Visitor Information Centre at the Museum, then take themselves on a walk around nearby Chinatown, following the audio tour instructions. The audio tour describes some of the varied and colourful history of Melbourne’s unique Chinatown, the oldest continuously inhabited Chinatown in the world. Highlights include interviews with people who grew up in Chinatown in the 30s and 40s.

AusVELS: Humanities: History Level 10 and Geography Level 7-10; English Levels 7-10; VCE English and History (Australian).
Fee: $8 concession ($10 adult). Bookings required.
Maximum: 20 students
Duration: Allow up to 1½ hours.
This is a self-guided activity.
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Chinese Arts & Culture Hands-on Workshops

These hands-on workshops aim to engage students with Chinese art, history and culture. They can be taken in conjunction with any of the tours, or on their own.

Lantern-making
FOUNDATION (PREP) UP
Students make a colourful bamboo and paper lantern and hear about the significance and history of lantern-making in China.

Calligraphy
YEAR 7 UP
Students will be taught some basic techniques of traditional Chinese calligraphy. Pre-existing knowledge of written Chinese characters is preferable.

Bamboo painting
YEAR 7 UP
Students will be taught traditional Chinese painting by focusing on a classic Chinese icon, the bamboo.

Bracelet-making
YEAR 6 UP
Find out how bracelets made with Chinese knots can be used to protect the wearer from evil spirits and mosquitoes!

Chinese Dance
FOUNDATION (PREP) UP
A trained Chinese dance instructor teaches students basic traditional Chinese dance and movement.

AusVELS:
The Arts, Interpersonal Development, Design, Creativity and Technology, all levels.
Fee: $7 per student
Minimum: 20 students for all workshops except Chinese Dance Workshop: 50 students minimum.
Duration: 1 hour per program

Useful information when planning your excursion

Bookings
All excursions and group bookings should be booked by calling us on 9662 2888 Monday-Friday 10am-5pm. Booking well in advance is advised. Please confirm your booking 2 weeks prior to date of visit.

Independent Student Visits
Are your students coming to the Museum on an independent visit, such as a day in the city or scavenger hunt? Call us to discuss how we can help organise the best possible experience for your students.

General Information
Adult: $8 Concession: $6 (One free teacher per 10 students)
Family (2 adults and up to 4 children): $20
Open 10am-5pm daily. Closed Good Friday, Christmas Day and New Year’s Day.

Bags
Large bags are not permitted into the Museum and are therefore not recommended. Students’ bags are left in our locked trolleys for the duration of their program.

Lunch
Packed lunches cannot be eaten at the Museum. There are a number of suitable parks within walking distance and some limited seating for small groups in Cohen Square, adjacent to the Museum. In case of rain, the Paramount Food Court is very close by.

Chinatown Lunch
The Museum can arrange lunch for your school group at a nearby Chinese Restaurant. Call us to discuss your school’s special dietary requirements.

Teacher Visits
Teachers are warmly invited to explore the museum and talk to us in person about your students’ needs, at no charge. Call us to make an appointment.

Cancellations
Cancellations made less than 5 business days before the activity will be liable for a cancellation charge of $3 per participant.

Location
We are located at 22 Cohen Place, Melbourne, between Lonsdale St, Exhibition St, Russell St and Little Bourke St (Chinatown). This is a 5-minute walk from Parliament Station (exit at Lonsdale Street).

Bus Drop Off
Buses can drop students at the front of Her Majesty’s Theatre on Exhibition St (5 min drop zone).

Public Transport
Take any tram along Bourke St (routes 86, 95 and 96), alight at stop 7 and walk through Market Lane to Lt Bourke St and Cohen Pl. The nearest train station is Parliament (exit at Lonsdale St).
Incursion Program: the Travelling Museum

The Travelling Chinese Museum presents an exciting program of cultural experiences encompassing various areas of the curriculum, in your classroom. It is made up of three 45-minute components which are delivered to students by our instructors over half a day, to a group of 80-112 students. Groups of 113-224 can be accommodated over a whole day. Designed for Foundation (Prep) to Year 10.

1: Interactive Dance Performance

This unique session is designed to engage kinetic, visual and oral learners. All students have a chance to participate. Choose from:

**Language and culture through movement and song**

**FOUNDATION (PREP) – YEAR 7**

A fun, energetic session introducing the concepts of Mandarin language through song and movement. Includes elements of Tai Chi and Kung Fu.

**Lion Dance**

**YEAR 3 – YEAR 10**

Students learn the cultural significance of this traditional Chinese dance while participating in the movements and playing percussion instruments.

2: Objects of History and Culture

A tactile session which immerses the students in exploration of objects related to Chinese culture.

Choose from:

**Ancient Chinese Inventions**

**FOUNDATION (PREP) – YEAR 2**

Did you know that the umbrella is a Chinese invention? Find out about some of the most interesting Chinese inventions in history and try your hand at making your own invention.

**Chinese Herbs and Medicine**

**YEARS 3 – 10**

Your classroom will be transformed by the aromas of Chinese herbs as students explore an ancient Chinese tradition. (N.B. No eating involved.)

**Chinese Australian History**

**YEARS 8 – 10**

Students work with excerpts of a Chinese phrasebook used by Chinese immigrants who landed in the 1850s-70s to find clues about their lives and times.

3: Hands-on Craft Workshop

This very popular session allows students to make their own Chinese craft/art piece. Choose from:

**Lantern-making**

**YEAR 2 UP**

Students learn about the significance and history of lanterns, while creating their own from paper and bamboo.

**Shu fa (Chinese Calligraphy)**

**YEAR 7 UP**

Learn the basic techniques of this ancient art form, where every word is a work of art. Students learn how to write several Chinese characters and simple illustrations.

**Dragon Banner**

**ALL AGES**

Work as a team to create a colourful Chinese Dragon banner to bring good luck and colour to your classroom.
Our Cultural Resource Box has been designed by a History teacher and contains a range of objects related to cultural, social and historical aspects of China. Each topic has fact/activity sheets; objects for use in class activities; consumable items and easy-to-use teaching and learning activities. Also included is a binder for teachers to keep with copies of all the fact/activity sheets and AusVELS references. The Culture Box is suitable for primary and lower secondary students and can be rented for a minimum of four weeks.

**AusVELS:**
Humanities: History and Geography; English; Languages (Chinese), The Arts, Interpersonal Development, Design, Creativity and Technology, all levels.

**Fee:** $385 per box for 4-week hire. Includes consumables for 30 students. School must cover postage of item back to the Museum (approx. $20).

**Additional hire:** $55 per week
**Additional consumables:** $50 per box (for 30 students)

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**Education Program Bookings**

To avoid disappointment, please book all programs well in advance. Less than 4 weeks’ notice is usually too late. Our Visitor Services Officers and Education Officer (Tuesday and Thursday) are happy to discuss any aspect of our programs in further detail and advise on the best option for your students.

**Phone:** (03) 9662 2888  
**Email:** info@chinesemuseum.com.au or education@chinesemuseum.com.au  
**Office hours:** 10am-5pm Monday-Friday

**NB:** All programs are subject to change. Please call the Chinese Museum to discuss the best program available for your students.

**Book an excursion to the Museum:**
Send us an email with your booking requirements and a number to call you back, or call us 10am-5pm Monday-Friday. (See program descriptions above for pricing information.)

**Book a Travelling Museum**
Currently available Tuesday and Thursday. Bookings must be made a minimum of 6 weeks in advance. Please call or email the Education Officer to make a booking. $15 per student (80-112 students per half-day incursion)

**Book a China Cultural Resource Box**
Please call or email the Education Officer to make a booking. $385 per box for 4-week hire ($55 per extra week) Includes consumables for one class – additional class sets of consumables are available at $50 per box.