

2011 Chinese Museum Education Program

Your school can join one of our activities based around one of our special cultural events or book one of year-round activities that relate to our permanent exhibitions.

We look forward to seeing you in 2011 – the year of the Rabbit!



THE MUSEUM'S NEW LOOK!



A CHINATOWN VISITOR CENTRE

In 2010 the Chinese Museum undertook major renovations to improve its facilities to enhance your school visits.

There are new and renovated displays.



DRAGON GALLERY

We are now **AIR CONDITIONED THROUGHOUT** and have **NEW WASH ROOM AMENITIES!**



BRIDGE OF MEMORIES EXHIBITION

New displays!

Guided Chinese Museum Tour

Throughout the year



LEVEL THREE GALLERY

With a guided tour of the Museum over three floors, students will experience the trials and tribulations of Chinese gold seekers in the 1850s and progress through to the stories of Chinese Australians in our contemporary society over 160 years.

Travelling from floor to floor, all manner of subjects are covered from racial discrimination, identity, migration, industry, fashion, traditional and ancient culture and customs, food and medicine, community and contribution to our society today.

VELS Domain: Humanities – History Levels 4-6, Geography Level 4;

LOTE Chinese, Levels 1-6

Fee: \$6.50 per student

Minimum: 15 students

Time: 1 ¼ hours



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CHINESE MUSEUM



New program!

Festival Fare

Cultural customs and Chinese food are intertwined. Discover the significance of Chinese food in these two intriguing educational programs in 2011:

From Mooncakes to Hungry Ghosts

Monday 7 March to Friday 11 March 2011



Chinese legends, customs and special foods many thousands of years old are passed down from generation to generation. Students discover how to make exotic celebratory Chinese foods, and taste them, in a program designed by Melbourne Food & Wine Festival legend, Elizabeth Chong. Chinese Australians who have had these traditions handed down to them through generations will provide insights into the role in their family's annual celebrations.

VELS Domain: Humanities - History, Levels 4 & 5; LOTE Levels 1 – 5;
Interpersonal Development, Levels 1 - 5

Fee: \$7.50 per student with community cooks

Maximum: 70 students

Time: 1 hour

(If sessions fill, the program will be continued into the following week.)



Mid Autumn Moon Festival

August and September 2011



The Chinese Museum invites schools to take part in cultural activities that are characteristic of the Mid Autumn Moon Festival. Zheng He, rabbits and archers appear in the legends that are explained and enacted while mooncake making is taught to students. Mooncakes are golden brown pastry pies enclosing filling to suit all pockets and tastes and stamped on top with the emblem of the deity. Dancing and lantern making are also included in the feast of cultural activity offered to schools who book for excursions to the Museum during either month.

VELS Domain: Humanities – History, Levels 4 & 5; LOTE, Levels 1 – 5;
Interpersonal Development, Levels 1 - 5

Fee: \$13 per student with workshop activities

Minimum: 15 students

Time: 2 hours



New facility!

Exploratorium

Chinese Language and Culture Experience Centre

Throughout the year - commencing April 2011



An exciting interactive room of touch screens for students interested in Chinese culture, history, language and contemporary society.

Innovative programs that will engage the students cover:

Kung fu and Calligraphy

Chinese Ancient Thinkers

Chinese Writing Characters

Picture yourself in a Beijing Opera Costume

Chinese Scenery

Ancient Chinese Science and Technology

Paper-cutting of Chinese Horoscope Animals

Chinese Folk Music

Changing Cities – today's urban life

A guide to provincial Chinese Food

VELS Domain: Humanities – History Levels 4-6, Geography Level 4;
LOTE Chinese, Levels 1-6; The Arts, Levels 3-4; ICT, Levels 3-6.

Fee: \$5.50 per student. Self-guided tour with notes.

Minimum: 15 students per session

Maximum: 24 students per session

Time: 1 hour

Sponsored by:



Department of Education and
Early Childhood Development



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Guided Chinatown Tour

Throughout the year



Explore the past and present of the oldest Chinatown in the Western world and the community's fascinating 150 years of history.

The many heritage-listed buildings in Little Bourke Street tell the story of life for new arrivals in the 1850s – buying up for the goldfields, meeting in community club houses, getting medicine from the herbalists, dining at restaurants.

Be introduced to fascinating aspects of the street culture and cuisine, learn about the offerings of the shops and restaurants and visit a Chinese grocery store.

VELS Domain: Humanities – History, Levels 4 & 5, Geography Level 4

Fee: \$6.50 per student with tour guide.

Minimum: 15 students

Time: 1 hour

Bridge of Memories Exhibition

Contemporary Chinese Australians

Throughout the year



Bridge of Memories explores the complexities of personal and cultural “identity” through the personal experiences of Chinese Australians.

The exhibition promotes an understanding of the diverse cultural makeup of the Chinese community – people from China, Cambodia, Malaysia, Thailand, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Singapore, Indonesia and Vietnam.

It highlights the changing world circumstances of the past 50 years – economic, social and political.

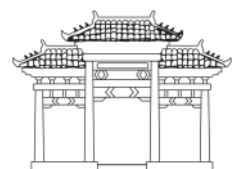
An education activity for this exhibition can be downloaded from the Chinese Museum website www.chinesemuseum.com.au

VELS Domain: Humanities – History, Levels 4 & 6, Geography Level 4

Fee: \$5.50 per student. Self-guided tour with notes.

Minimum: 15 students

Time: 1 hour





ESL Interactive Learning Tour

Throughout the year



An interactive learning experience designed specifically for ESL students of varied language levels.

With the aid of specially designed worksheets, students will improve their vocabulary and develop their language skills in reading, writing and speaking.

The Chinese Museum provides a wonderful opportunity for ESL students to continue their language development outside the classroom while experiencing Australian culture in a colorful environment.

Fee: \$6.50 per student. Guided tour with worksheet.
Minimum: 15 students
Time: 1 ¼ hours

Chinese Dance, Art & Craft Workshops

Throughout the year



Through hands-on activities students can learn about Chinese customs, legends and stories. Activities include:

Making: kites or lanterns

Or **Brushing:** calligraphy or Chinese painting (where a few strokes become a mountain, a bird or a bamboo stem)

Or **Performing:** traditional folk dances; or song and dance to develop skills in Chinese language

VELS Domain: Humanities – History, Levels 4 & 5, Geography Level 4;
The Arts, Levels 1-6, LOTE, Levels 1-4

Fee: \$6.50 per student with workshop presenter.
Minimum: 50 students
Time: 1 hour





New program!

Finding Gold Discovery Activity

Throughout the year



Finding Gold is an interactive exhibition exploring the experiences of Chinese people who travelled to the Victorian goldfields during the gold rush of the 19th Century.

Miners' personal experiences are the key here. Students assume a character of the times and move through the exhibition at their own pace, gathering information they will need to write an account of their character's experiences.

Guidance is provided through the use of focus questions and the presence of a tour facilitator for enquiries.

VELS: Discipline-based learning: Humanities – History, Levels 4-5, Geography Lev 4
Interdisciplinary learning: Communication, Levels 3-6, Thinking Processes, Levels 3-5, Interpersonal development: Civics & Citizenship, Level 3

Fee: \$6.50 per student with tour facilitator.

Minimum: 15 students

Time: 1 ¼ hours



Chinese Lunch

The Chinese Museum can book a lunch at a nearby restaurant for your school group, from \$12 per person.

Bookings and Enquiries

Allowances: No charge for accompanying teachers or parents for any tour, workshop or activity (except lunch if applicable) unless more than 1 teacher per 10 students.

Tel: 9662 2888 **Fax:** 9663 2693

Email: info@chinesemuseum.com.au





Can't make it to the Chinese Museum?

Chinese Cultural Resource Box



Bring Chinese culture into your classroom!

The Chinese Cultural Resource Box has been specially designed by a History teacher. It contains a range of objects relating to the cultural, social and historical aspects of China.

Topics covered include:

1. Overview of China
2. Art and Calligraphy
3. Cultural Heritage
4. Food and Medicine
5. Inventions

Each topic has:

1. Objects to use during class activities
2. Consumable items that the school keeps
3. A binder for teachers to keep that includes all the fact/activity sheets and VELS references

The Cultural Box is suitable for primary and lower secondary students and can be rented for a minimum of two weeks.

Cost: \$120 + GST (\$132), which includes one box of usable products.

School will need to pay for return postage back to the Chinese Museum

To find out more about this exciting opportunity,

Tel: 03 9662 2888

Email: info@chinesemuseum.com.au

Complete the school visit feedback form on your next visit to the Museum and go into the draw to win a FREE visit from the Chinese Cultural Resource Box!

Teachers' Professional Development Day - FREE!

Keep an eye on our website for a special professional development day when you can attend the Chinese Museum and learn about our education program in detail – free of charge!

Email us if you would like to book a place.

