SAMPLE COURSE OUTLINE

CHINESE: SECOND LANGUAGE
ATAR YEAR 12
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## Chinese: Second Language – ATAR Year 12

### Semester 1 – Unit 3 – **目前情况 (Here and now)**

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| 1–5  | The Chinese-speaking communities: *Celebrations and traditions*  
Students explore major:  
• festivals – Spring Festival, Dragon Boat Festival, Double Seventh  
• traditions – folk art, cooking  
• celebrations – birthday, anniversary  
**Task 1: Oral communication (Week 5)** | **Text types and textual conventions**  
Advertisement, conversation, message  
**Linguistic resources**  
Vocabulary and structures related to *Celebrations and traditions*  
Consolidation of the sound and writing systems of Chinese  
**Intercultural understandings**  
• customs and traditions in different Chinese regions and Chinese-speaking communities  
• etiquette for special events in China/Chinese-speaking communities  
**Language learning and communication strategies**  
• seeking opportunities to practise the language  
• developing a repertoire of synonyms for common adjectives to enhance speaking and writing  
• listening to a range of Chinese speakers to assist development of listening skills  
• using techniques to rote-learn vocabulary and structures  
• using repair strategies to sustain verbal communication, e.g. recognising that someone doesn’t understand and rephrasing by substituting other vocabulary to assist understanding  
**Linguistic resources**  
*Grammar*  
Constructions  
- 有的…, 有的…,  
- 一…就…,  
- 是…的  
*Pronouns*  
自己, 其他  
*Verb + directional compliment*  
拿来, 进去,  
打开, 下来  
*Verb + prepositions*  
让, 给, 对, 把  
**Sound and writing systems**  
Consolidation of sounds and writing systems of Chinese |
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<td><strong>Text types and textual conventions</strong> Account, description, diary entry, letter <strong>Linguistic resources</strong> Vocabulary and structures related to Relationships Consolidation of the sound and writing systems of Chinese <strong>Intercultural understandings</strong> • growing up in a Chinese-speaking community, e.g. parental and personal expectations • cross-cultural relationships and friendships <strong>Language learning and communication strategies</strong> • inferring, guessing meaning from key words, character radicals, structures, visual cues, context • using known structures to help express new information • monitoring comprehension, seeking clarification of texts • evaluating and redrafting written texts to enhance meaning • using a bilingual dictionary to check character meaning</td>
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<td><strong>The Changing world:</strong> Communicating in a modern world Students reflect on: • building and maintaining relationships using technologies, e.g. internet, mobiles, social networking</td>
<td><strong>Text types and textual conventions</strong> Account, article, blog posting <strong>Linguistic resources</strong> Vocabulary and structures related to Communicating in a modern world Consolidation of the sound and writing systems of Chinese <strong>Intercultural understandings</strong> • different social networking practices in Australia, Chinese-speaking communities and in the global community generally • internet restrictions in Chinese-speaking communities • gaming addiction and its effects on study and interpersonal relationships <strong>Language learning and communication strategies</strong> Consolidation of Language learning and communication strategies</td>
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| 1–5  | The Chinese-speaking communities:  
**The environment**  
Students explore:  
- current issues related to the environment in Chinese-speaking communities – pollution, endangered species  
**Task 8: Oral Communication (Week 5)** | **Text types and textual conventions**  
Article, chart, discussion, interview, map, script (speech)  
**Linguistic resources**  
Vocabulary and structures related to  
**The environment**  
Consolidation of sound and writing systems of Chinese  
**Intercultural understandings**  
- important current issues in China and Australia and the influence these have on everyday life  
**Language learning and communication strategies**  
Consolidation of Language learning and communication strategies | **Grammar**  
Constructions 越来越..., 越...越..., 连...都/也, 除了...以外, 一边...一边  
Reduplications 高高兴兴  
Consolidation of grammar |
| 6–10 | The Individual:  
**Reflecting on my life and planning my future**  
Students reflect on their:  
- final year at school  
- plans for the future: further education, employment, travel  
**Task 9: Response: Listening (Week 9)**  
**Task 10: Oral Communication (Week 10)** | **Text types and textual conventions**  
Account, discussion, message  
**Linguistic resources**  
Vocabulary and structures related to  
**Reflecting on my life and planning my future**  
Consolidation of the sound and writing systems of Chinese  
**Intercultural understandings**  
- common future plans for Australian students and Chinese-speaking students  
- different opportunities available to students in different communities  
**Language learning and communication strategies**  
Consolidation of Language learning and communication strategies | **Grammar**  
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| 11-15 | **The Changing world:** *Current Issues*  
Students consider:  
- issues in the changing world relevant to them: drugs and alcohol, peer pressure  
*Task 11: Response: Viewing and reading (Week 12)*  
*Task 12: Written communication (Week 13)* | **Text types and textual conventions**  
Account, advertisement, diary entry, speech  
**Linguistic resources**  
Vocabulary and structures related to *Current issues*  
Consolidation of the sound and writing systems of Chinese  
**Intercultural understandings**  
- common issues in Australia and Chinese-speaking communities  
- issues common in Chinese-speaking communities in relation to global community  
**Language learning and communication strategies**  
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| 16 | *Task 13: Semester 2 Practical (oral) examination*  
*Task 14: Semester 2 Written examination* | | |