

**VICTORIAN YOUNG LEADERS
TO CHINA PROGRAM**

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The Victorian Young Leaders to China (VYL China) program is an award winning, in-country immersion program for Year 9 students and accompanying teachers, which helps to prepare them for living and working in an increasingly interconnected global community.

Information for parents and students

For Chinese language students, the immersive nature of the program accelerates their language proficiency. For all students, the culturally rich program can have a transformative impact on their learning at home, and broaden their minds to a future career with an international focus.

Beyond study, students will get to explore the sights and sounds of China, encompassing important historic and cultural sites as well as Chinese family life.

In-country highlights

For students, a typical school week may include:

- Chinese language classes
- morning exercises
- cultural classes
- attending some selected local classes e.g. music, arts, P.E. etc
- self-study
- excursions to nearby attractions and cities.





Benefits

By taking part in the program, students will return with a heightened appreciation of contemporary China and its language, culture and history. Students from past programs have returned with greater confidence and developed a broader perspective on their future careers.

Benefits for students include:



enhanced intercultural understanding and capability



accelerated development of leadership capability, interpersonal skills and global citizenship.



improved language proficiency, including practical and conversational language



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Costs

The VYL China program is funded through a co-contribution model, with parents/guardians contributing \$3000 and the Department funding the balance of the core program costs. To reduce the effect of disadvantage, up to 35% of places will be fully funded by the Department for students whose parent/guardian holds a current healthcare or pensioner concession card naming the student.

Any incidental costs (e.g. passports, token gifts and spending money) are the responsibility of the participating students and their parents/guardians.

Core program costs include:

- pre-departure and post program phases
- travel arrangements, including return airfares, visas and insurance
- tuition, accommodation, meals, excursions in China
- student uniform and curriculum materials.

How to get involved

Contact your school to learn how you can participate.

