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## Chung Wah Chinese School

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Plant a seed today!

All it takes is one generation for any foreign linguistic skills to be lost. It is fair to say a considerable proportion of first and second generation migrants are bilingual. A little effort may be all it takes to allow children to continue to benefit from bilingualism or multilingualism.

Teaching and learning Chinese Mandarin are defined with a reference to four communication skills in listening, speaking, reading and writing activities. Throughout history, foreign language teaching and learning have always been an important practical concern. Undoubtedly, from both a historical perspective and a contemporary standpoint, bilingualism or multilingualism is the norm rather than an exception.

Chinese School stands ready and reaches out to cater for this norm to which these needs are being fulfilled.

Chung Wah Chinese School is one of the most prominent brand names in Perth Chinese education. It was set up in 1974 pursuant to its constitution to foster the Chinese language, cultures, customs and values, and to contribute to the Australian society. By 1991, Chung Wah Chinese School owns and operates three campuses spread geographically across the compounds and catchment areas of **Leeming** Senior High School, **Rossmoyne** Senior High School and **Morley** Senior High School. To date, all three campuses are well established with a pool of professional teachers and administrative staff supported by parents and friends.

Traditional classroom-based (blackboard) teaching and cultural (interactive) teaching are some of its product offerings. Cultural learning syllabus moves away from traditional blackboard teachings and instead incorporates innovative learning method such as dramas, songs and poems and sight and sound including an appreciation of year-round Chinese cultural events.

Playgroup is available from infancy onwards to kindergarten, pre-primary and Year 1 to Year 12 including HSK and WACE. Adult classes are being conducted at beginners, intermediate and advanced levels. Classroom hours are held on **Saturdays between 9:00 am & 11:30 am**. Enrolment is open to the public throughout the year.

Choices of extra-curriculum activities are available such as arts and crafts, calligraphy, cartoon drawing, Chinese dance, Chinese drawing, painting, sketching, rhymes singing, table tennis, martial arts, lion dance, Chinese musical instrument guzheng, flute and others. All three campuses offer these activities between **11:30 am & 12:30 pm** immediately following classroom study. Students and the public are encouraged to enrol and participate in any one of these activities.

Chung Wah Chinese School is steeped in history and traditions with a humble beginning which stemmed out of parental enthusiasm to give the next generation an opportunity to read, write, listen and speak Mandarin. A network of parent volunteers has existed since the early days when the school was first established more than three decades ago.

Parental involvement and logistical support within School Management Committees across three campuses have been known and remain as a source of competitive strength of the Chung Wah Chinese School in engaging the interests of many children and supporters. Without this, the supply chain in providing Chinese education will be inefficient. Value proposition in offering Chinese education effectively, conveniently and affordably is another vital element that differentiates the Chung Wah Chinese School from its competitors. The availability of a pool of quality teaching resources at all levels of teaching reinforces children's learning interests.

Every time your child learns a new word, it is like planting a new seed in their memory. Each time a new word is used, that seed grows akin to watering a small garden. The effort of planting a seed today will give your child a gateway to a lifetime of rewards and will successfully grow a glorious garden of words, a basic foundation for a future Mandarin proficiency.

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