

# ADULT NIGHT CLASSES



## Fact Sheet

### Chinese Mandarin Beginners

Learning a foreign language takes time and effort. Some people want to learn a foreign language for practical reasons, some aspirational, some intellectual and others sentimental, but whatever your reasons, having a clear idea of why you're learning a language can help to motivate you in your studies.

An introduction to speech sounds and tones of Mandarin awaits you. During this intensive program you learn lively and true-to-life conversation, basic sentence patterns and Mandarin expressions. This course focuses on conversation skills in Mandarin and the pin yin (alphabet). Unfortunately, reading and writing Chinese characters is not taught at this level.

#### Beginners

The beginner course will offer the student the opportunity to

Use language appropriately for greeting, leave taking, thanking and apologising

Give basic information about self and ask about others

Comprehend a simple short conversation between two people

Hold a short conversation with one person

Read a short dialogue and

Participate in social interaction related to obtaining or providing goods or services in shops, markets and restaurants.

#### Assessment

This is not a certificate course and there is no formal assessment for this course. Due to the flexible nature of Adult Education classes, parts of the curriculum may be adapted to suit the needs of the class.

A Certificate of Participation may be issued on request.

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Note: All classes need a minimum number of students to go ahead. If your class does not have enough students it will be cancelled and you will be informed.

Term 1 – 2009 commences  
week beginning February 9<sup>th</sup>

Term 2 – 2009 commences  
week beginning April 27<sup>th</sup>

Term 3 – 2009 commences  
week beginning August 3<sup>rd</sup>

Term 4 – 2009 commences  
week beginning October 12<sup>th</sup>