

Mandarin Language B Programme at NIST



The Mandarin B programme is offered from **Year 2** to **Year 13** as part of the school curriculum.

It encourages students to appreciate the value of the Chinese culture and develop a strong cultural identity. The programme facilitates respect and appreciation for different cultures through the course content.

Students following the programme will be able to communicate confidently in Mandarin in everyday situations.

There are 4 Mandarin language native speaker teachers and the average class size is 10.

Methodology and resources

Learning of Mandarin is through student centered activities leading to balanced development of speaking, listening, reading, writing and viewing skills. Teaching materials used are from a variety of sources e.g. Textbooks, exercise books, magazines, teacher's developed materials, Internet resources, newspapers, songs, movies, worksheets, legends, short stories and for advance students short novels.

Mandarin B classes as part of the World language programme

- Year 2 - 6 (Elementary)
PYP Mandarin B programme is taught in 4 periods of 80 minutes in a 10 day cycle.
- Year 7 - 11 (Secondary)
MYP Mandarin B programme is taught in 5 periods of 80 minutes in a 10 day cycle.
- Year 12 -13 (IB Diploma)
DP Mandarin B is taught at higher and standard level.
Higher level - 6 periods of 80 minutes in a 10 day cycle.
Standard level- 4 periods of 80 minutes in a 10 day cycle.

Cultural activities

- International Day celebration
- Celebration of Chinese festivals
- Movie appreciation - Cultural and educational films
- Songs and dances
- Educational games

Entry requirements

For entry into Years 2 and 6: Students are not requested previous knowledge of the language.

For entry into Years 7 to 11: Some previous knowledge of spoken and written Mandarin language is an advantage.

For entry into Year 12 Mandarin B: A minimum of three years of Mandarin studies is necessary.