



WODONGA SENIOR SECONDARY COLLEGE

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March 2024

Dear Parents and Students,

Wodonga Senior Secondary College is organising a Tour of China in Term One of 2025. All students are invited to take part in it.

The tour will depart from Melbourne airport March 28th 2025 and return on April 11th 2025 and visit the following cities:

Xi'an:

The start of the fabled Silk Road and China's most complete ancient city with its amazing walled complex and Muslim Quarter. Ride pushbikes around Xian fortress wall. We travel to see the Terracotta Army Museum World heritage site.

Beijing:

Beijing is the nation's capital and home to many famous attractions and places of interest. We will visit the Summer Palace, have a rickshaw ride around the Hutongs, Beijing's oldest inner-city homes, go shopping by night on Chang-an Street with its Silk Market, see the Temple of Heaven, the Forbidden City, Tian'anmen Square, explore the Olympic Games site including the "Bird's Nest", travel to the Great Wall and more shopping at the Beijing Shopping Mall (Shi Mao Tian Jie)

Weihai:

Here we will be attending at the Weihai Vocational College, staying 'homestay' with Chinese families. Students will have the opportunity to participate in a master class of Chinese cuisine and food presentation as well as extending a Master Chef challenge to the College students in an Australia or Engineering/Programming emersion workshops. Weihai's many local attractions will also be visited, including its beautiful beach areas.

Shanghai:

China's most cosmopolitan city with its fascinating river front Art Deco buildings-the Bund and Chinese wonders. We will visit the Bund Sight-seeing tunnel, Yu Yuan's Garden and shopping precinct, Chenghuang Temple, Jade Budda Temple, the sightseeing deck overlooking Shanghai at the famous Shanghai Tower, Silk Museum, take a cruise by night on the Huang Pu river to observe the fantastic neon advertising that takes one's breath away and explore the famous Nanjing Road area, China's busiest shopping precinct. We will spend one Day at Shanghai Disney Land

All accommodation will be 4 Star Hotels with breakfast provided. Wodonga Senior Secondary College's own Lyn Zhang will accompany the group as Tour Guide and interpreter plus local guides at each city. I will also be supervising the students. Journeys between cities will be by plane, we will have our own bus for some cities, and alternatively we use subway for transport.

Included in the price for the tour will be all accommodation, all transport-including Melbourne/China return, tour guides and local transport, entrance fees, visa costs (fundraised) and all meals provided.

Tour participants will need to obtain a Passport A.S.A.P.



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Proposed Payment Plan

- First instalment of \$1000 end of week 4 term 2 Friday 10th May 2024
- Second instalment of \$1000 end of week 4 term 3 August 9th 2024
- Third instalment of \$1000 end of week 4 term 4 November 1st 2024
- The final payment of \$1000 end of week 2 term 1 February 7th 2025

Please note, travel insurance will be purchased early to cover any unforeseeable circumstance that may require a refund. Any refunds will be discussed with insurance after the second instalment (August 3rd) as the school will be purchasing tickets and paying deposits that are non-refundable after this date.

We are excited to be offering this tour to our students and look forward to spending the time together in fabulous China.

Expressions of interest are invited for the Tour. Please return them to Steve Garro, Lyn Zhang ASAP.

Parent Information night Tuesday 19th March, Seminar room. at 6pm.

Regards,

Steve Garro: 

Hospitality Teacher



Vern Hilditch

Principal

If you are interested in participating in this Cultural experience, please sign the below section and return it to front office.

I would like to express my interest in participating in the China Tour 2025

Student's Name

Parent's Name:

Parent's Signature: