



Beginners Chinese 2017 (FarNet)

<p>Programme description</p>	<p>This course is an introduction to Chinese (Mandarin) language and culture for complete beginners.</p> <p>It covers NZ Curriculum levels 1-3, and is a communicative language focused course, where students will learn the building blocks they need to develop real-life, useful communication skills for speaking, listening, reading and writing. As a secondary focus, students will be introduced to some Chinese history, geography, economics, and culture through collaborative investigation projects and real-world contact with Chinese experts, community members and events.</p> <p>Students will learn to read and write using the Pinyin phonetic system, as well as a foundation of basic Chinese Hanzi characters.</p>
<p>Content</p>	<p>Topics covered include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Chinese pronunciation and the Pinyin system ● Greetings and Introductions ● My home & family ● My school ● Using numbers ● Telling the time ● A variety of Chinese cultural mini-units
<p>Prerequisites</p>	<p>Beginners Chinese is an online course intended for secondary school students. This course is suitable for students with no prior Chinese learning experience.</p>
<p>Required</p>	<p>Computer or tablet with Chinese Pinyin input method (phones are NOT suitable) A Google account Access to Zoom and Google Hangouts Access to Internet at home/outside class time</p>
<p>Assessment</p>	<p>Oral assessments Investigation projects Listening assessments Reading assessments</p>
<p>Class Time</p>	<p>Mondays at 10:00 AM via Zoom</p>
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