

THE AUSTRALIA-CHINA FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY'S AIMS

Cultivate friendly relations with the people of China by fostering the study of China's history, language, culture, social and political structure.

Promote mutual understanding through friendly exchanges between the people of China and Australia. Strengthening ties with travel, the exchange of ideas, information and trade between the two countries.

To seek to clarify misunderstandings between the peoples of China and Australia, which may arise from the misrepresentation of information.

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

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VICTORIAN MEMBERSHIP RATES

Family \$25.00 Single \$20.00 Concession \$15.00

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I/We support the Society's aims: Signature/s

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ACFS Australia China Friendship (Sister) School Program



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Information from the International Division of the Victorian department of Education and Training:

AIM OF SISTER SCHOOLS:

- To strengthen the relationship between Victoria and overseas countries;
- To broaden the knowledge and understanding of students by enabling them to gain an understanding, appreciation and respect for other cultures;
- To support the teaching of that language in the Victorian school and English in the overseas school;
- To develop ties of friendship through regular communication;
- To develop opportunities for teachers to exchange course material, information on methods and practices and on educational matters in general;
- To provide opportunities for contact and interaction with the wider school community;
- To promote Victorian education overseas, and
- To facilitate visits of students and teachers to the sister school.

BENEFITS TO TEACHERS:

- Knowledge and experience of a different education system first hand;
- Professional development by exchanging ideas and knowledge;
- Broader educational horizons by adding a Global perspective; and Improved proficiency in LOTE through added involvement in the language and culture.

BENEFITS TO STUDENTS:

- Knowledge and experience of a different culture first hand;
- Access to new ideas and experiences by working closely with teachers and students from a different culture and educational system;
- Access to native speakers of LOTE; and Broadened understanding, acceptance and tolerance of other cultures.

WHY FRIENDSHIP SCHOOLS?

Friendship-School relationships are increasingly being developed by schools around the world.

These relationships provide students from both countries with opportunities to develop a greater understanding of the life, language and culture of each other's community.

The relationship can exist at various levels from mail and internet communication to visits between the schools

HOW TO SET UP A SISTER SCHOOL:

A step by step process for Government and Non-Government Schools might include:

1. School Council/Board provide 'in principle' agreement to work towards establishing a friendship/sister relation
2. Contact ACFS to obtain information about potential friendship schools in China.
3. Government Schools to contact Sarita Yen (via edumail) in the International Division of DE&T to obtain the appropriate guidelines and an expression of interest form.
4. Initial contact with school to discuss the form of the friendship school relationship
5. Memorandum of Understanding developed between the two schools
6. School Council/Board approves the Memorandum of Understanding
7. Implement relationship as agreed by both schools - consider ACFS support, including guest speakers, the Movie program and tours. Membership details of the ACFS can be found on the back of this flyer.

WHAT IS THE ACFS?

The Australia-China Friendship Society is a community organization established in 1952. The Society believes that because of its long history of developing friendly relations between the peoples of Australia and China that the ACFS is well placed to assist schools to develop friendship school relationships. Please visit our website to learn more about how the activities ACFS might support your school at www.acfsvic.org