



Robertson State School

Creating Brighter Futures Together

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Dear Prep Parents and Carers

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) FOR THE BILINGUAL PROGRAM YEAR 1 2021

In 2021, we will be continuing the Bilingual Program into Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4 depending on student numbers. Our expansion of this initiative has been a positive learning experience for all of our students and they have engaged enthusiastically in the program.

Language learning not only develops skills in the target language but also enhances cognitive development across the first language and other subject disciplines. The Bilingual Program currently operating in Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 provides teaching and learning of the Australian curriculum taught 50% in Chinese and English. The Australian Curriculum delivery is guided by an innovative approach known as Content Language Integrated Learning (CLIL), focusing on mathematics, science and technology curriculum being integrated within the Chinese language. The subjects of English, History and Geography as well as the Arts are taught in English. The school has developed a number of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) about the Bilingual Program including CLIL. These can be found on the school website and give details of how the program will run, under the Curriculum/Subjects and Programs/Language and International Programs section.

This expression of interest is to gauge interest from our Prep parents to initiate the program for 2021. If there are sufficient numbers from this EOI, offers will then be made to individual students.

Preference will not be given to native speakers of Mandarin. All students both native speakers and non-native speakers will be given equal access to enrol in the program.

The classroom teachers for the classes will include Ms Yvonne Lu and Mrs Jenna Brimner. Ms Lu has experience in leading the Bilingual Program as she has taught the Year 1 Chinese class this year, in the subject areas of Mathematics, Science and Technology. Mrs Brimner, is an experienced and exceptional teacher at Robertson with a wealth of knowledge to support the English, History, Geography and the Arts in class.

Please fill in the following EOI survey below by following the hyperlink or using the QR code if you would like your child to join the Bilingual Program in 2021. If you would like more information about the program, please contact the school office to speak to a member of administration.

The closing date is Friday October 30 at 9:00pm.


Mr Kerin Gordon
Deputy Principal


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Principal

Expression of Interest – 2021 Year 1 Bilingual Class
(Please complete the survey by Friday 30 October.)

<https://bit.ly/3iz5NJL>

