

Online resources

In order to provide students more support for learning Mandarin outside of class, our Mandarin teachers have built an “OACC Mandarin Program Resources Site” <http://oaccclil.wikispaces.com>.

Parents are given the link, password and clear instructions to help their children learn songs, watch cultural or content related videos, read Chinese characters or play educational games. Many parents have found the website very engaging and easy to access. Not only do parents know what their children have been learning at school in Mandarin but also they can learn with them together at home.

Promoting the OACC Mandarin CLIL program

Since 2013, Mandarin teachers, Viola Chen and Grace Wen have shared their experiences of planning and implementing the program at different conferences and seminars. These include the Hanyu Laoshi Show webinar in 2013, and in 2014, the Chinese Teacher Training Centre winter school (The University of Melbourne) and the Chinese Language Teachers’ Federation of Australia annual conference (Melbourne Grammar School). In 2015, they presented at the CLTFA annual conference (The University of Adelaide) and the Multilingual Language Learning Communities of Catholic Schools end of year function.

