

VCE Chinese Language, Culture and Society 2023–2027

Oral examination – End of year

Examination specifications

Overall conditions

The examination will be sat at a time and date to be set annually by the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA). [VCAA examination rules](#) will apply.

Examination Advice Slips with each student's examination start time, date and venue will be made available by the VCAA in Term 3 as a VASS download.

Examination time: approximately 15 minutes

The examination will be assessed by a panel appointed by the VCAA.

The examination will contribute 15 per cent to the study score.

Content

The *VCE Chinese Language, Culture and Society Study Design 2023–2027* is the document for the development of the examination.

All of the key knowledge and key skills that underpin the relevant outcomes in Units 3 and 4 are examinable. The examination will relate to the topics prescribed on page 11 of the *VCE Chinese Language, Culture and Society Study Design 2023–2027*.

Format

The examination will consist of two sections.

The examination will be conducted by two assessors. Upon entering the examination room, students are to verbally provide their student number in English. Students are then to indicate to the assessors, in Chinese, their chosen subtopic and the supporting visual material that they have brought with them for Section 2. The supporting visual material must clearly relate to a subtopic drawn from one of the prescribed topics on page 11 of the study design. The supporting visual material is a requirement. This introductory information will not be assessed.

Section 1 – General conversation in Chinese (approximately seven minutes)

This section of the examination will begin with a conversation between the student and the assessors. It will consist of a general conversation about the student's personal world, for example, school and home life, family and friends, and/or leisure and future aspirations.

Section 2 – Presentation of a subtopic and supporting visual material in Chinese (approximately eight minutes)

In this section of the examination, students will provide a two-minute description, in Chinese, of supporting visual material that they have brought to the examination, such as a picture, a collage, a photograph or a cartoon. The supporting visual material must be related to a subtopic drawn from one of the prescribed topics of the 'Chinese Language' strand, as indicated on page 11 of the study design. Students will respond in Chinese to a series of simple questions about the supporting visual material and/or general questions on the subtopic that the supporting visual material relates to.

Approved materials and equipment

The supporting visual material must be no larger than a single piece of A3 paper. Three-dimensional objects are not permitted. The quality of the supporting visual material will not be assessed; however, students should consider how easily the assessors will be able to view the supporting visual material. The supporting visual material should not include any writing. If the supporting visual material does contain writing, the amount of writing must be minimal. Dictionaries, notes and cue cards are not permitted.

Relevant references

The following resources should be referred to in relation to the VCE Chinese Language, Culture and Society oral examination:

- *VCE Chinese Language, Culture and Society Study Design 2023–2027*
- Chinese Language, Culture and Society – Support materials
- *VCAA Bulletin*

Advice

During the 2023–2027 accreditation period for VCE Chinese Language, Culture and Society, each oral examination will conform to these specifications and will test a representative sample of the relevant key knowledge and key skills.