

Year 7 students attend cultural immersion excursion

Year 7 students Chinese language students recently participated in a cultural immersion excursion.

The first stop was the China Cultural Centre located in the heart of Sydney, where the students attended a lecture on traditional Chinese opera and crafted their own Peking Opera Masks. The different colours of Peking Opera Masks represented different personalities. Each hue of the masks bore significance, representing diverse personality traits. Some students opted for red masks, symbolising loyalty and righteousness; others chose blue, signifying determination and courage; and a few selected yellow, embodying bravery. Additionally, there were masks designed specifically for male and female characters. While most students made masks for male characters, some students chose to create masks for female roles, which looked quite distinctive. It was a joyful atmosphere, and the students learned a lot at the workshop.

In the afternoon, the girls ventured to Sydney's vibrant Chinatown located in Haymarket. There, they noticed the blend of tradition and modernity, with the traditional tea houses and popular Chinese street-food shops offering things like bubble tea and fried skewers. Eager to put their language skills to the test, many students communicated with staff in Chinese and tasted a variety of delicious new foods. The students and accompanying teachers thoroughly enjoyed the excursion.



Year 7 students creating and wearing their Peking Opera Masks



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