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Dear Mr Hu, Xin Jin Shan Chinese Language and Culture School Inc.

As you may be aware, the Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority and the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority have determined that Community Languages Victoria and associated language schools (CLS) do not meet the standards required to provide Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) learning. This means Xin Jin Shan Chinese Language and Culture School Inc. will no longer be able to teach VCE from 2027 under Community Languages Victoria's registration.

I understand this may be disappointing for you and your CLS community.

The Department of Education (department) has worked with the Victorian School of Languages (VSL) to ensure all VCE students can continue their studies in 2027. This includes students who have completed VCE Language studies at Units 1 and 2 level at a CLS in 2026. It also includes students in Year 10 who wish to commence VCE Units 1 and 2 in 2027.

These students are guaranteed a place at a designated VSL centre for VCE Language studies. Designated VSL centres are in the same or nearby suburb as the CLS.

Current Year 8 or 9 students planning to study VCE Language at a CLS in 2027 should discuss their options with their mainstream home school in the first instance. Opportunities to undertake VCE Language studies through VSL may be considered on a case-by-case basis. This will take individual circumstances into account. This includes evidence of prior achievement at Year 10 level.

Information that has been provided to 2026 VCE (Unit 1 and 2) students

We have written to each current VCE (Unit 1 and 2) student's mainstream home school. Each home school has been given information to provide to parents and carers about the transition arrangements.

The VSL has a dedicated enrolment portal for students transitioning from CLS. Each CLS and each Language study has a unique enrolment link. This link must be used to guarantee a place in the correct Language study.

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For current VCE students at Xin Jin Shan Chinese Language and Culture School Inc. studying Chinese, places will be guaranteed at the following designated VSL centre:

- **Highvale Secondary College**, Capital Avenue, Glen Waverley, Victoria 3150.
- Classes at the VSL centre at **Highvale Secondary College** operate on **Saturday** at **9:00am-12:20pm**.

The unique enrolment link for **Chinese First Language** is Xin Jin Shan Chinese Language and Culture School Inc. - Chinese First Language.

The unique enrolment link for **Chinese Second Language** is Xin Jin Shan Chinese Language and Culture School Inc. - Chinese Second Language.

The unique enrolment link for **Chinese Second Language Advanced** is Xin Jin Shan Chinese Language and Culture School Inc. - Chinese Second Language Advanced.

The unique enrolment link for **Chinese Language Culture and Society** is Xin Jin Shan Chinese Language and Culture School Inc. - Chinese Language Culture and Society.

Please note that Chinese Language Culture and Society is guaranteed for Unit 3 and 4 studies in 2027, however Units 1 and 2 are not offered at Highvale Secondary College in 2027.

Action required for students planning to commence VCE in 2027

Year 10 students who had been planning to start a VCE Language study in Units 1 and 2 at the CLS in 2027 will also be guaranteed a place at the designated VSL centre.

The department is seeking your support to provide information to these students to enable them to enrol.

Please find attached a letter you can provide to Year 10 students and their families who are considering VCE Language study in Units 1 and 2 in 2027.

Year 10 students seeking to enrol in VCE Language studies for 2027 should first discuss this with their mainstream home school.

Alternative VSL centres

Should students and families wish to explore alternative VSL centres they can visit https://web.vsl.vic.edu.au/language-finder/.

Please note that students enrolling at VSL centres other than the designated VSL centre cannot be guaranteed a place.

Supporting VCE teachers

The teacher(s) you currently employ to teach VCE may be interested in teaching at the VSL. This is subject to vacancies and job requirements being met. They can visit this website for information https://web.vsl.vic.edu.au/employment/. The webpage includes an email address staffing@vsl.vic.edu.au for any questions.

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Funding in 2027

The department will continue to fund places at CLS for eligible Years 11 and 12 students in non-VCE language programs, if they choose to keep attending. Funding will continue through the CLS Funding Program.

You will receive a letter of variation in early 2027 for your current funding agreement with the department to reflect this change.

Further information

If you have any questions, please contact the department at community.languages@education.vic.gov.au.

The department values the role of community language schools in maintaining heritage languages. Your support in communicating these changes to families and your staff is appreciated.

Yours sincerely



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