A significant number of NSW primary schools have a language program, with Mandarin Chinese being a priority language for Australian students:

- 30%-40% of NSW primary schools have a language program, with the majority situated in the Sydney metropolitan area.\(^1\)
- About 33% of Catholic primary schools in Sydney have a curricular language program and 45% have a curricular or extra-curricular language program.\(^2\)
- Chinese is the most commonly taught language in NSW government primary schools and the third most taught in non-government primary schools.\(^3\)
- Chinese (Mandarin) is the world’s most spoken language.\(^4\)
- China is Australia’s largest trading partner.\(^5\)

Challenges for a school to implement and maintain a Chinese program:

- Difficulty in recruiting and retaining a qualified Chinese teacher on a p/t basis;
- Lack of support structure for the language program and the teacher;
- Competing priorities with other KLAs and limited instructional hours.

Benefits of engaging the services of ChiFUNese to run a Chinese program:

- A high quality Chinese language program with extensive teaching resources and best practices from our network of qualified Chinese teachers;
- On-going training, development and support for teachers;
- A stable long-term program where teachers are deployed at capacity;
- Ideal program schedule to suit school’s timetable. E.g. 2 teachers to teach on the same day and use online resources to support face-to-face teaching;
- Cost savings in recruitment fee and employee on-costs including sick leave, workers’ compensation insurance and payroll tax (accounts for 12% of salary);
- Relief from face to face (RFF) teaching for teachers at the school.

ChiFUNese is a leading service provider for curricular and extra-curricular Chinese language programs at 35+ schools and early learning centres e.g. curricular program at St Brendan’s Catholic Primary School and St Michael's Catholic Primary School. See [www.chifunese.com](http://www.chifunese.com) for a full list of schools and further information.

Please contact ChiFUNese Director Jenny Shen on (02) 8006 8606 or info@chifunese.com to discuss this opportunity further. Thank you.

\(^1\) Source: Collins 2007, BOS 2013
\(^2\) Source: ChiFUNese 2016
\(^3\) Source: DEC 2013, AIS 2013, ChiFUNese 2016
\(^4\) Source: Ethnologue 2015
\(^5\) Source: DFAT 2016