

Monday, 12 August 2019

Dear Parents and Caregivers

RE: Chinese Culture Experience Tour 2020

Brisbane Christian College is delighted to have been invited by the Shandong Government of China to participate in a Cultural Tour of China again next year. Proposed dates for this tour are 25 March, 2020 to 6 April, 2020.

This is a fantastic opportunity for Year 7-10 children to be immersed in the Chinese environment experiencing the culture in its entirety: language, people and customs as well as visiting its breathtaking scenic spots and landmarks.

The tour is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity because a portion of the costs will be borne by the Shandong Government of China as they extend their cultural and educational program to Australia and connect with local schools. As such, we are able to offer this 13- day, all-inclusive tour for only \$1590.

The tour will be headed by our College Deputy Principal, Mr Ross Eggins, our Chinese Teacher, Miss Claire Li, and other staff members.

Please read the attached information carefully to decide if this opportunity is right for your child. To reserve your student's place, please return the completed permission form, together with a non-refundable deposit of \$590.00 by Friday, 16 August 2019 to the College Office.

Please note, that by sending your child on this trip, it is expected that you would be willing to host a student from China when they visit Australia in June next year. Hosting international students is exciting and rewarding. Besides the obvious benefits of cultural and language enrichment, it can also supplement the family income. These students typically stay for 7-10 days in January-February and June-August.

Places on this trip are limited to 16 students, so please return this form as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

Looking forward to a fantastic trip.

Best regards,

Mr Ross Eggins
Deputy Principal

Details of the China Tour

Eligibility: Year 7 to Year 10 students (subject to application process)

Applications due: 16/8/19

Tour size: 16 students

Length: 13 days

Date: 25/3/20 - 6/4/20

Cost: \$1590

This cost includes transportation, homestay, most meals and study materials.

It does not include travel insurance and personal expenses.

Payment: \$590 on registration (closes on 16/08/19). This amount is non-refundable.

Remaining balance of \$1000 to be paid in full by 16/9/19.

Travel insurance: This is mandatory and is the responsibility of the student and their family.

Visas: The College will organise the Visa application for the children. It will require copies of their current passport.

Passport: Passport needs to be valid for at least 6 months from the date of travel. If your child does not have a passport, this will need to be organised as soon as possible. A passport application costs \$139.00 and application forms can be obtained from Australia Post. The application process is estimated at 3 weeks, and a passport is necessary for the Visa Application.

Accommodation: homestay families in Shandong, screened and selected by Shandong Family Cultural Education Development Centre, Shandong Government.

Currency: Currently 1 AUD: 4.79 CNY

Weather: generally dry in March and April with an average temperature of 10-20°C

Clothing: formal school uniform with leather shoes, a thick warm jacket, a warm sweater, warm pants or legging (for girls), warm socks and closed in shoes, toiletries, personal clothing, bath towels, personal medication, small amount of money for personal expenses (no more than \$150AUD).

Souvenirs for Homestay Family: no more than \$10, preferably not food.

If you are interested in your child attending the Chinese Cultural Exchange, please complete the attached permission slip and application form and return it to the College office by Friday, 16 August 2019, along with the \$590 deposit.

For further information, please contact Mr Ross Eggins, Deputy Principal, via email:

reggins@brisbanechristiancollege.com.au

Trip Withdrawal Policy (Parent Copy)

In the event that your child is withdrawn from the 2020 Chinese Culture Experience Tour, please be aware that payment will be made in full by the College by October 2019 and by nominating to attend you are agreeing to repay the College in Full.

- **Initial Deposit is non-refundable**
- **The remaining payments become non-refundable after trip confirmation on the 14/10/19.**

As students are required to have a Travel insurance policy, if it is necessary to cancel your trip due to medical reasons, you may be able to claim the lost deposits through this method.

These payments are correct to the best of our knowledge, the College will notify you in writing if there is a change in these conditions.

Please retain this copy for your records.

Year 7 – 11 Chinese Culture Experience Tour 2020

Permission and payment options form (please complete both pages)

Please return this form and deposit to the College Office by Friday, 16 August 2019.

I,, give permission for my son/daughter

(Name of parent / caregiver)

(Name of student)

to attend the Chinese Culture Experience from Wednesday, 25 March to Monday, 6 April 2020.

I have enclosed the \$590.00 non-refundable deposit (subject to withdrawal policy) and agree to

Pay the \$1000 balance, in full, by 16/9/19

Total cost: \$1590.00

Less deposit: \$590.00 payable by Friday, 16/8/19

Balance: \$1000.00 due by 16/9/19

If you have any questions, please contact Ross Eggins on 3719 3111 or

reggins@brisbanechristiancollege.com.au.

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(Student signature)

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(Parent/Caregiver signature)

OFFICE USE ONLY:

Paid \$.....on/...../..... by cash / chq / credit card / EFTPOS Received

by:.....

Trip Withdrawal Policy (Office Copy)

In the event that your child is withdrawn from the 2020 Chinese Culture Experience Tour, please be aware that payment will be made in full by the College by mid-February and by nominating to attend you are agreeing to repay the College in Full

- The initial Deposit is non-refundable.

- All payments become non-refundable after the 14/10/19.**

As students will be covered by a Travel insurance policy if it is necessary to cancel your trip due to medical reasons, you may be able to claim the lost deposits through this method.

These payments are correct to the best of our knowledge, the College will notify you in writing if there is a change in these conditions.

Please complete this form and return it to the office with your permission and payment options form.

I,, have read and understand the above information in regard to non-refundable payments

If you have any questions please contact Ross Eggins on 3719 3111 or email reggins@brisbanechristiancollege.com.au .

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(Parent/Caregiver signature)

Student Information: Brisbane Christian College

Information on Passport

Last Name: _____

Other Names: _____

Passport No.: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Year Level: _____

Age: _____

Gender: _____

Ethnicity: _____

Nationality: _____

Language(s) Spoken at Home: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Phone No.: _____

Mobile No.: _____

Email Address: _____

Medical History (Please circle either Yes or No)

Did you have any serious illness in the past 5 years? Yes / No

Are you on medication? Yes / No

Do you have any allergies? Yes / No

You need to submit a school medication form if you have ticked Yes to any of the above.

Do you have any dietary requirements? Yes / No

If yes, please specify: _____

Parent/Guardian 1

Last name: First name: _____

Home phone: Mobile: _____

Email: _____

Parent/Guardian 2

Last name: First name: _____

Home phone: Mobile: _____

Email: _____