



Community Languages Schools

Ambassador Program Student Profile



Angela Lu

My name is Angela Lu. I studied Mandarin and Cantonese at the Academy of Chinese Culture, which I am now attending as a Community Language Support Officer.

For me personally, studying Chinese through a community language school has helped improve my speaking ability and confidence. Outside of my classroom studies, my school provided other immersive opportunities, from participating in multiple interviews on Cantonese radio advocating Chinese language and culture programs to taking part in poem recitation contests. I was also lucky enough to participate in numerous performances for community cultural events, such as Lunar New Year and the Moon Festival, with singing, dancing, poem recitation and even Tai Chi and Kung Fu performances.



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Beyond the amazing opportunities and experiences, the advice I would give to students and parents is that learning a community language has life-long benefits and a multitude of opportunities for both personal and professional development.

Firstly, there is a great opportunity to develop your interpersonal communication, public speaking, leadership, and time management skills. In addition to the experiences gained when I was a student, being a Community Language

Support Officer has enabled me to support our teachers in the classroom. This included dealing with uncertainty of the pandemic and relying on strong interpersonal skills with online classes during our first lockdown.

Secondly, there are many opportunities for professional development. Studying Chinese ignited my passion to experience the rich culture and language of China firsthand. It gave me the courage to complete a 7-week internship in Beijing - a very enlightening experience of living independently and how it felt when English became the ‘foreign language’. It has become one of my highlights at university and on my résumé.

Finally, learning should be enjoyed and used in everyday life. I realised I was able to broaden my scope for entertainment and knowledge and I found myself enjoying more Chinese TV shows, media, and information.