

# STUDY IN TAIWAN

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## SISTER SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP

### DELEGATES OF TIGS VISITED YI-LAN FU-HSING JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

#### BY EDUCATION DIVISION TECO IN AUSTRALIA

The Illawarra Grammar School, abbreviated as TIGS, is an independent Anglican comprehensive co-educational early learning, primary and secondary day school, located at Mangerton in the Illawarra region of New South Wales, Australia. Founded in 1959 TIGS has a proud history of comprehensive education prioritizing personal learning excellence and achievement as well as a broad range of co-curricular opportunities and a focus on service, stewardship and leadership. TIGS now has over 900 students from Pre-Preparatory to Year 12 and nearly 150 staffs in the school.

The Yi-Lan Fu-Hsing Junior High School, located in the north-east of Taiwan, is one of the major Junior High Schools in Yi Lan County. There are 1,227 students and 119 teachers in their school.

Through the introduction of Jill Lai, Executive Director of Education Division at TECO in Australia, TIGS has been working towards a sister school relationship with the Yi-Lan Fu-Hsing Junior High School to strengthen its cultural learning programme. Students from

both schools would have had the opportunity to engage online and deepen their cultural understanding.

In March, the delegate of TIGS led by principal Judi Nealy visited Yi-Lan Fu-Hsing Junior High School. The delegate was warmly welcomed by piano trio, taekwondo and traditional performances.

Since 2022, these two schools have started with a giftbox exchange. As a sign of friendship Fu-Hsing Junior High School has created and sent a thoughtful gift box containing: a written introduction to the school, a map of Yi-Lan where the school is located, postcards of contemporary poems in Chinese, some of the school's teaching aids for Chinese language learning, local specialties of Yi-Lan such as sweets, preserves and Oolong tea. In return, TIGS sent its own gift box back with mementos of TIGS and some Australian treats.

A video was created by Fu-Hsing for the occasion of 2022 Taiwan-Australia Creative Video Contest, which introduced the exchange experience between the two schools. Furthermore, Year 9 students of Fu-Shing developed their creative thinking in the 'global perspective class' through online exchange with TIGS.

We look forward to seeing more partnerships in the future.

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## Study in Taiwan

# MANDARIN STUDY TOUR



Taiwan's Ministry of Education is offering subsidies for foreign students in groups to study Mandarin in Taiwan for short-term 2 to 4 weeks.

AUD \$286 per person per week



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## 2023 MANDARIN STUDY TOUR

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Secondary school and university are perfect time to expand students' world vision through travel and experiential learning. As a current student of Australia & New Zealand, you can take advantage of Taiwan's Ministry of Education (MOE) Mandarin Study Group Program to fly to Taiwan!

Taiwan is a fun destination and a great option for anyone looking to study Mandarin in an immersive environment. When planning to study abroad in Taiwan, it is important to pick a program that best suits your needs and offers the amount of support you want.

If you plan to visit Taiwan but don't want to spend months to a year abroad, a short-term program may be a better fit for you. Mandarin study tour short-term programs typically last 2 to 4 weeks and many include half-day cultural workshops or sightseeing tours.

Many programs in Taiwan's language centres are very helpful and will do some preparation for your journey, such as custom made programs or securing accommodations. Before you sign up for this support to study Mandarin in Taiwan, there are 3 steps in short for you to consider:

1

Form a group of 15 students who are currently enrolled in the same mainstream schools;

2

Contact one eligible language centre in Taiwan as your host;

3

Language centre assists you to apply for subsidies from the MOE.

### Criteria & Rules

- Current students enrolled in mainstream schools in Australia or New Zealand;
- At least 15 students in a group;
- 1 - 2 teachers may accompany the group;
- Attend Mandarin lessons 5 days a week, a minimum of 15 hours a week.

### Subsidies Standard

- MOE subsidises the course fees by NTD \$6,000 (approximately AUD \$286/ NZD \$312) per person per week;
- Subsidies cover 2-4 weeks.

### A list of Mandarin language centre

Groups should choose to study in one of the eligible language centres. Please use the QR code on the poster or click the edited extract to find a language centre as your host.

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*Taiwan is an ideal place for international students to learn Mandarin Chinese. Get packed and have your 'study-in-Taiwan' dream come true!*



This is an extract to a list of Mandarin language centres in Taiwan



## DISCOVERING THE ROOTS OF TAIWAN

BY BADEN HITCHCOCK  
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Coming to Taiwan to learn Mandarin is such a unique experience. Taiwan is a melting pot of culture and diversity, of old and new, of languages and of self expression. This is my first time coming to Taiwan but I already knew before I arrived that I would want to stay for a long time. I have been studying at Shida (National Taiwan Normal University) for the last three months and would be lying if at some points I have not feel overwhelmed as a complete beginner throwing myself into the deep end of a completely foreign language and writing system.

One of my main goals for learning Mandarin was so that I would be better able to communicate with the indigenous groups here in Taiwan. I am an Indigenous artist from Australia and have recently been collaborating and connecting with some Aboriginal/ Indigenous artists here in Taiwan.

My people come from the Torres Strait Islands as well as the Western and Central Provinces of Papua New Guinea, in discussion and creation with artists here I have found there are many similarities in culture of creation stories and custodianship of land, sea and sky.

As Mandarin is the dominant working language I have had to pull at everything I had learnt so far at Shida. Learning Mandarin is not just about the learning of a language but it is a different way of thinking, of what comes first in each scenario, of drawing and of symbolism. The moment when you understand something on the first go, are understood or are able to read a street sign as you walk down the street become such satisfying small wins that they feed your fire to keep learning.

I think Taipei is such an interesting city as it really is surrounded by so many natural environments and elements. The forest, mountain and ocean surround the fringes of the urban landscape and the rain, wind and earth energy are really strong. I wish to further understand this relationship between these natural and urban spaces and how it has influenced both the Taiwanese culture and the living indigenous knowledge systems. I am in for the long haul, learning a new language is a process that never stops, this is a journey that will walk with me into the future.

(Photos) Baden and his Taiwanese dancers, provided by Baden Hitchcock.

***"As a professional dancer and choreographer I have a strong interest in collaboration with Taiwanese artists and I feel that learning Mandarin will help me pursue this goal. As an Indigenous Australian, I feel that the relationships that would start to form from this language institute would greatly benefit both the Australian and Taiwanese Art Communities." said Baden.***



## ANU TSA SEMESTER 1 WELCOME PARTY AND STUDY-IN-TAIWAN WORKSHOP

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The Welcome party at Australian National University (ANU) is a fantastic opportunity at the beginning of semester to promote and get to know social clubs. ANU's 2023 Semester 1 welcome party was held by ANU Taiwanese Students' Association (TSA), taking the event to promote its services to prospective members.

Starting a new semester or walking onto an unfamiliar campus can be a confronting experience. With this in mind, TSA hosted a welcome party on Wednesday the 22nd of February. It was designed to break the ice of new semester nerves, helping TSA members to enjoy themselves and make new friends through participating in fun games, such as truth or lie, marshmallow challenge and get-to-know-Taiwan quiz.

The goal of TSA is to be a platform for all "Taiwan-Loving" people at ANU to connect and have fun. Following the welcome party, TSA led by its chairman Hank Lin, collaborated with Education Division at TECO in Australia to host a Study-in-Taiwan workshop.

Jill Lai, executive director of Education Division at TECO was invited to present 'Study-in-Taiwan' to introduce scholarship opportunities offered by the Ministry of Education in Taiwan. A selection of the latest pamphlets on studying in Taiwan were provided for introduction.

Following, the floor was taken by ANU student Sam Wade as guest speaker. Sam shared the most authentic study and living experience in Taiwan back in 2019. Sam's confidence in both Chinese and English kept the workshop entertaining.

Sam Wade, Taiwan alumni and TSA member, studied in Taiwan in 2019 through the Huayu Enrichment Scholarship. He now studies a Double Bachelor of International Relations and Economics at the Australian National University and plans to return to Taiwan on exchange to the National Taiwan University later this year.

To sign up as a member of TSA, please connect through its social media.



The task of the Education Division of TECO in Australia is to facilitate cooperation between Taiwan and Australia in the areas of education.

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