

**FREE Event:
Careers & Employment Expo
Brisbane 7-9 May**

Students, parents and teachers can learn more about Asia literacy at the Careers & Employment Expo Brisbane. Entry is FREE so please encourage students, parents and colleagues to visit us at booth 32.

This exhibition will provide an excellent opportunity for parents and students to learn more about Asia Literacy, and why it should be an important part of their kids' education. Both parents and students will learn more about the career opportunities that Asian language skills can deliver to young Australian's.

Teachers are also encouraged to come along find out how we can assist schools with student links programs, sister schools, and professional development opportunities. We are also involved in projects to develop teaching resources to support Asia Literacy in primary and secondary schools. We look forward to discussing new ideas with teachers.

Plus there's an added bonus as all of our expo visitors can enter a draw to win one of three \$200 travel discount vouchers compliments of our sponsors. Come along for a chat, learn more about Asia Literacy and have a great day out at Southbank, Brisbane, 7-9 May.

[For further information Click Here.](#)



**Asia Literacy's New Office
in Brisbane**

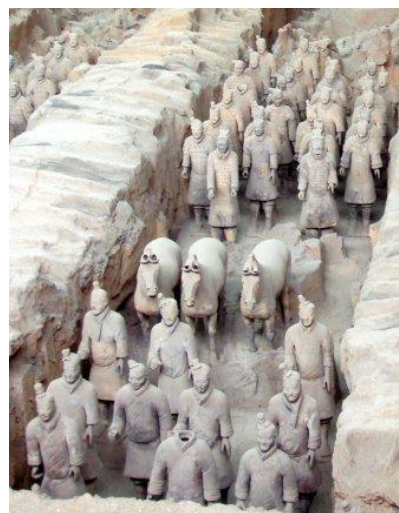
The association will operate from a commercial office in Brisbane from 4 May. Located at Suite 12, 83 Leichardt St Spring Hill, we'll be just a short walk from Central Station and close to the Spring Hill - City Free Bus Loop.

The Birthplace of Confucius

Teachers from Townsville and Brisbane visited the city of Qufu in China as part of a 16 day Asia Literacy Professional Development program from 26 March to 10 April. The Temple of Confucius was established in 478BC, a year after his death, and stands today as a UNESCO World Heritage site. The program also took teachers to Mount Tai, one of the "Five Sacred Mountains" in Chinese Buddhism. It is associated with sunrise, birth, and renewal and the temples on its slopes have been a destination for pilgrims for 3,000 years.

In September/October our program takes us to what the locals call the Glorious Red Road, through Shaanxi Province to Yan'an. Here teachers will visit rural villages and mountain caves that supported the Communist leadership during the anti-Japanese war and civil war. In addition we'll visit Xi'an, Beijing, Ping Yao and Shanghai. As usual, program activities will be flexible to allow teachers to explore specific professional interests.

For further information about our September/October Programs contact Song Huang via Programs@AsiaLiteracy.org.au.



The Terracotta Warriors
Xi'an, Shaanxi Province, China

45 Sponsored Places Chinese Immersion Program

This program includes up to 19 days in Shanghai and Beijing, studying Chinese (Mandarin) and experiencing life in modern China. Language tuition is delivered weekdays and includes 3 contact hours per day, plus an hour or two per day of school activities with local students. Students will get to practice language skills in an everyday environment whilst exploring Shanghai and Beijing.

We will also run a careers workshop with presentations from Australian business people in Shanghai, as well as a presentation about pathways to learning Asian languages, upon returning to Australia.

Open to students in years 10-12, this program aims to introduce students to the boundless opportunities available to young Australians with Asia skills. This program has operated successfully over the past of couple years for USA and European students. Feedback from these students has been extremely positive with many commenting that it has stimulated a long term interest in engaging with Asia.

Sponsorship applications to take part in this unique language immersion program will close on 2 July. We've had strong interest from teachers and students Australia wide, so students who may be interested are encouraged to apply as soon as possible. There are only 45 places available and it's FREE to apply. Contact James@AsiaLiteracy.org.au for a brochure.



The Great Wall




Pudong, Shanghai

Japan Student Links Opportunity

Our Japan specialist has just returned from Kyushu having opened new links for Asia literacy opportunities. We have one Japanese school in particular who are very keen to develop regular cultural engagement with Australian secondary schools. If your school would like to participate in this opportunity please contact us ASAP. We are planning a group visit to Kyushu of up to 20 students and teachers, departing late November or early December. This could be run as a single or multi school activity.

For further information about this great opportunity contact Song Huang via Programs@AsiaLiteracy.org.au.

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Changes & Challenges

A contingent of Australian teachers and association members will be attending the 'Changes & Challenges Conference' in Shanghai 25-31 Oct. The conference is run by China's Association of Australian Studies Centres, and will be jointly hosted by East China Normal University and Shanghai University.

Ms Maureen Noakes of St Pauls College, Brisbane will be presenting a paper at the conference addressing issues concerning international cultural exchange programs for secondary school students.

Teachers interested in attending the conference, and visiting the Shanghai World Expo as part of the conference events should contact Song Huang via Programs@AsiaLiteracy.org.au.



The Asia Wise Competition: A simple way to bring Asia into your school.

The Asia Wise Competition closely follows the National History Curriculum with its focus on developing students' research capabilities.

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The Asia Wise Competition provides teachers with:

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Members: Making Asia Literacy Happen

Our membership for both ordinary and corporate categories continues to expand and this has made it possible to expand some of our member services. These new services include the opening of new regional Chapters and the commencement of regular Asia Literacy PD opportunities. From 16 May we will be running regular 2 hour PD sessions at our new Spring Hill location, and as the year progresses these activities will become a regular feature across each Chapter. See the Future Events listing below or contact one of the Chapter organisers more information.

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Townsville Chapter Contact:
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New Members

To join the association you can access an application form at this link:
<http://www.asialiteracy.org.au/page9.php>
or contact Anthony at
Members@AsiaLiteracy.org.au.

Future Events

30 April: Early Bird closing date for the 'Changes & Challenges Conference' in Shanghai.
[Further Information Click Here.](#)

7-9 May: Careers & Employment Expo, Brisbane.
[Further Information Click Here.](#)

16 May: Brisbane Teacher PD Event 2-4pm, Spring Hill. [Further Information Click Here.](#)

2 Jul: Student Chinese Immersion Program, sponsorship application deadline.
[Further Information Click Here.](#)

8-21 Aug: International Teacher Association Conference, in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan.
[Further Information Click Here.](#)

19 Sep – 1 Oct: The Red Road – International Teacher PD program. Further Information contact Song via Programs@AsiaLiteracy.org.au.

25-31 Oct: 'Changes & Challenges Conference' in Shanghai. [Further Information Click Here.](#)

27 Nov: Student Chinese Immersion Programs commence in Shanghai.
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