

Draft Plan for the Ambassador Project

Ruyton Girls' School

Ambassador: Mr Torrey Orton

Initial visit: Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Meeting with Mr Brad Nelson, Mrs Glenis Gumley
and Danyang

It is envisaged that the project will be taken at two different levels: Mr Orton will work with the staff/the school as an organisational development; and the students as a subject-base development.

Objectives:

As an organisational development:

1. To increase the understanding of the effects of cultural differences and cultural shock on students concerned.
2. To help to find and to advise on core issues related to education of students from difference cultures, especially from the Asian cultures.

As a subject-base development:

1. To help to increase the profile of learning Chinese and Asian Cultures. For the past years, Chinese has been perceived as a difficult language. So by the time when students can choose to study Chinese at Grade 5 at the school, many are reluctant to have a go.
2. To enhance of awareness and understanding of cultural differences among students.
3. To provide students with an insight about the advantages of learning a language.

Proposed activities:

<u>Time and Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Activity</u>
8:15, Wed, August 25	Senior School Common Room	Mr Orton will be introduced to the Senior School staff by Mrs Gumley, the Head of Senior School.
8: 45 August 25	Junior School Assembly at the theatre	Mr Nelson, the Head of Junior School, will introduce Mr Orton to the students at Grade 4, 5 and 6 and Mr Orton will talk to the girls about learning Chinese. The girls will do subject choice at the end of this term and early Term 4.
3:00, Mon, August 30 or Mon, August 23 to be confirmed	Senior School staff meeting	Mr Orton will talk to the staff about cultural differences, cultural shock etc. (Danyang will organise with Mrs Gumley). More meeting times will be needed for the staff's professional development.
To be confirmed	Yr10	Mr Orton will work with the Yr10
To be confirmed	Yr9	To be confirmed
9:15 – 10:15 Sept 6	Yr11 and Yr12 student	Mr Orton will work with the Yr11 and Yr12 students

Apart from these, I would like to meet with you to talk about what I can do to promote the study of Chinese and how I can do them. I would like to make use of our school weekly newsletter.