# Community Languages Chinese, Arabic, Spanish

#### What is CL and LOTE

• CL refers to Community Language. Community language is the language that is spoken in our community. In Hurstville, our community languages are Chinese and Arabic.

• LOTE refers to Languages Other Than English. HPS offers kindergarten students who are not of Chinese or Arabic background the opportunity to learn either Chinese or Arabic.

### Language programs and organisation

- Chinese Community Language
- Chinese LOTE
- Arabic Community Language
- Arabic LOTE
- Spanish LOTE (Year 3 Year 6)
- Students attend two hours of language lesson each week.
- Background students and non-background students who are learning the same language may be placed in the same language class.
- Once the language class choice has been made, students will not be allowed to swap to another language class.

## The language programs aim to build students' capacity in

- Interacting
- Understanding text
- Creating text
- Intercultural understanding

Through communication, collaboration, creative thinking and critical reflection

#### Supporting your child

- Provide opportunities for your child to use the target language
- Show interest in your child's learning
- Lots of encouragement and praise
- Communication with your child's language teacher