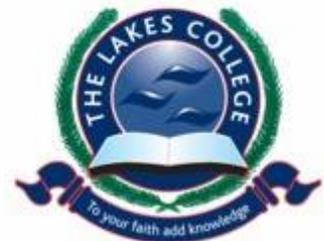


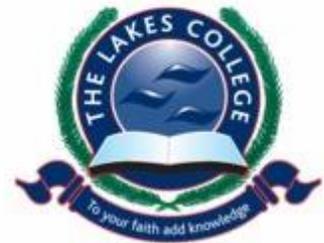


# The Lakes College China Connections Program 2020



# Aim of Program

- To provide students with an opportunity to extend their learning of the Chinese language within a real-life context
- To further develop knowledge and understanding of the Chinese culture
- Students participating in this program will be ambassadors for The Lakes College and the wider community. They will participate in numerous cultural activities, visiting historical sites and interacting with Chinese people
- Students will develop a deep understanding of the cultural differences between Australia and China through personal experience
- Students will develop strong ties with the rest of the group, including the staff who travel with them
- Students will develop an increased interest in the learning of the Chinese language and have the opportunity to continue this learning through Secondary school
- Students will develop increased confidence, resilience, independence, organisation, tolerance and social skills during their participation in the program

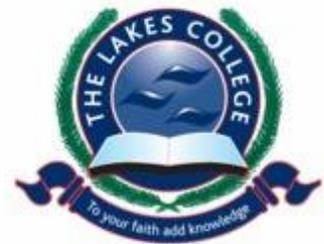


# Ambassadors

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As the students who visit China will be ambassadors for The Lakes College, it is important that the students we take:

- Are respectful members of the TLC community
- Demonstrate a good work ethic in all classes
- Have demonstrated an interest and commitment to the learning of Chinese or show a great interest in learning the language if new to TLC
- Are ready and willing to make the most of this amazing opportunity



# The 2020 Adventure

SAMPLE ONLY

Day 1: Arrive at Brisbane International Airport

Day 2: Arrive at Beijing – transfer to Hotel. Meet our tour guide.

Day 3: Beijing – Great Wall

Day 4: Beijing – Summer Palace and Hutong Tour (narrow streets and alleys). Explore Hutong, family visit and local lunch

Day 5: Beijing – Beijing Zoo, Forbidden City and Beihai Park

Day 6: Beijing – Beijing Primary School and Kung Fu Show

Day 7: Bullet Train to Xian, transfer to Hotel

Day 8: Xi'an – Free Day: make phone calls home, shopping in afternoon, buy own dinner

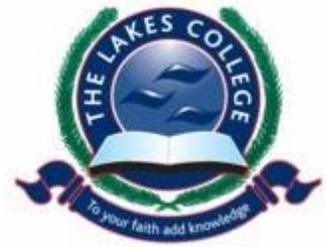
Day 9: Xi'an – Terracotta Warriors

Day 10: Xi'an – Big Wild Goose Pagoda, Calligraphy class & Tang Dynasty Show

Day 11: Xi'an – Cooking class. Eat it for lunch then walk the city wall

Day 12: Leisurely breakfast, packing and transfer to airport for flight home

Day 13: Arrive Brisbane International airport

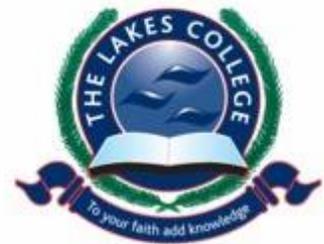


# Accommodation



Twin Share  
Hotel Accommodation





# How do we prepare?

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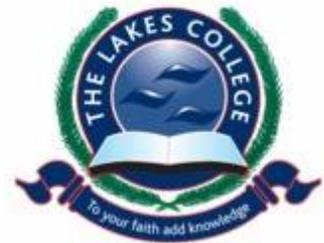
Term 1 Elective is China Connection preparation with Miss Johns  
Before school 1 morning a week attend additional language lessons  
with Mrs Harvey

Practice packing and unpacking at home , asking for help, looking after  
own belongings and generally being independent

Parent information evenings to discuss next actions, fill in VISA forms  
etc

We shop! Kathmandu hold a special shopping night for us and we get a  
significant discount

We receive and respond to emails from the trip coordinator



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The total cost per student will be approximately \$4000 depending on airfares. The larger the group the cheaper the tour cost. The cost of the 2020 program includes:

- Airfare – this will be slightly higher for 12 year olds than 11 year olds
- Travel Insurance
- All accommodation
- Tour Clothing & Backpack
- Bullet Train trip
- Most meals
- All activities/entrance fees/private bus travel daily
- English speaking tour guide with us 24/7 from arrival to leaving
- Local guides in addition to our tour guide at some destinations
- Tipping
- Bottled water

All travel arrangements will be organised by The Lakes College in conjunction with a registered travel agent. A payment plan will be forwarded to the parents of the participating students. A non-refundable deposit of \$800 will be required almost immediately. This will secure your child's booking within the group and will be deducted from the overall airfare cost which.

Students participating must travel with the group and staff members on the scheduled flights.



# Not included

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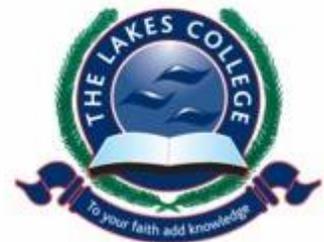
***Your child will need a current passport with at least 6 months until expiry***

- Visa fees are additional and vary depending on the type of passport
- Spending money (\$250 maximum)
- Immunisations
- Possibly additional uniforms or items of clothing from the packing list



# Backpacks



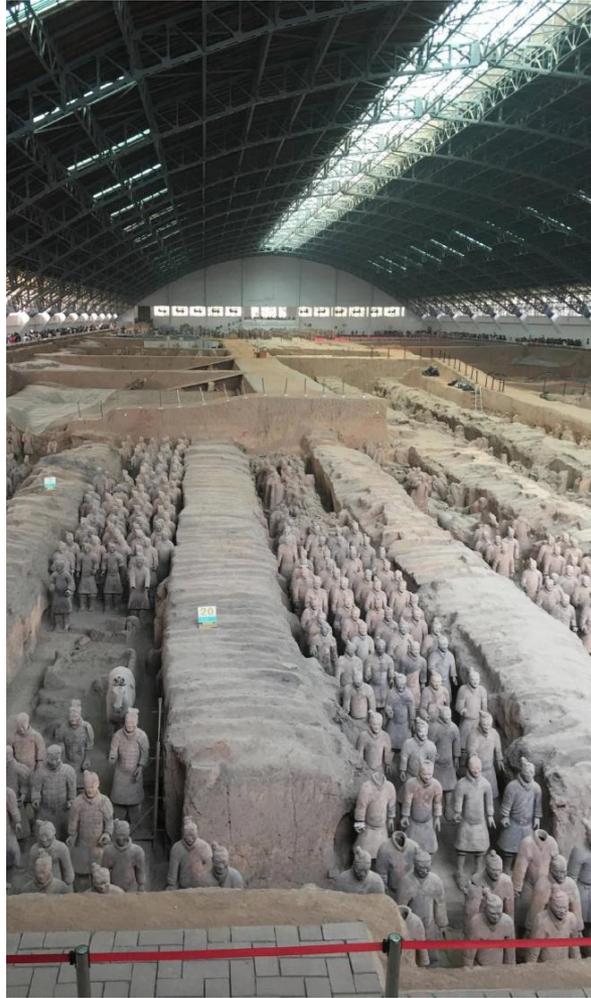


# VISA costs

## Schedule of Fees

(Unit: Australian dollar)

Country	Entries	The Total Fee (GST Included)				Fee Detail						
		regular	express	rush	mail	Visa Fee charged by the Chinese Embassy			Application Service Fee charged by the Center (GST Included)			
						regular	express	rush	regular	express	rush	mail (regular service)
Australia	Single entry	109.5	167	209	131.5	60	90	110	49.5	77	99	71.5
	Double entries	139.5	197	239	161.5	90	120	140				
	Multiple entries/ 6 Months	169.5	227	269	191.5	120	150	170				
	Multiple entries/ 1 year	229.5	287	329	251.5	180	210	230				
US	Single/Double/ Multiple entries	218.5	276	318	240.5	169	199	219	49.5	77	99	71.5
Canada	Single/Double/ Multiple entries	149.5	207	249	171.5	100	130	150	49.5	77	99	71.5
Other Country	Single entry	99.5	157	199	121.5	50	80	100	49.5	77	99	71.5
	Double entries	124.5	182	224	146.5	75	105	125				
	Multiple entries/ 6 Months	149.5	207	249	171.5	100	130	150				
	Multiple entries/ 1 year	199.5	257	299	221.5	150	180	200				

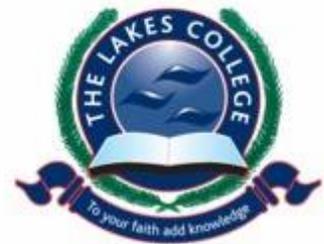




**An adventure?**



**Alpaca my bags**



# What next?

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***Ask lots of questions!***

***Complete the nomination form and return to the***

***Primary Office by***

***Tuesday 8 October 2019***

