## TCI Lecture on the Importance of Learning Mandarin at Marsden State High School

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On the morning of May 9<sup>th</sup> 2019, the Tourism Confucius Institute at Griffith University gave a lecture on the importance of learning Mandarin at Marsden State High School in Logan. TCI teacher Ms Bi Yujie presented relevant data and vivid stories to illustrate the importance of Mandarin for tourism students. She included facts about the ratio of Chinese tourists to all international tourists in Australia (especially in Queensland and on the Gold Coast), Maranata Ti

After the lecture, TCI teacher Lucy Li's performance of Chinese traditional music on the bamboo flute and cucurbit flute received a warm round of applause.

Before the lecture began, Marsden's Chinese teacher Ms Ding Ping and tourism teacher Ms Maranata Titimanu introduced the new Chinese program supported by the TCI. Marsden will offer the as an optional course in 2019 and will add the course to the Tourism Professional Certificate Curriculum System from 2020. Ms Maranata Titimanu





TCI Teacher Ms Bi Yujie