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## English/Korean Bilingual Program Information

Chatswood Public School successfully introduced the English/Korean Bilingual program in 2016. In 2019, there will be 7 bilingual classes throughout the school with 80% of the students are non-Korean background students and 20% are Korean students in each class. Bilingualism is proven to develop and improve cognitive and academic skills and help students to develop skills necessary for problem solving and innovative thinking. It is anticipated that there will be a bilingual stream that runs from K-6 involving over 200 students. Through the use of the Content and Language Integrated Learning (CLIL) approach and Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) activities, students are growing to become bilingual learners as students learn regular curriculum content in Korean for more than 5 hours per week through subject-oriented teaching, real world applications and innovative learning. The bilingual program helps students to develop flexible thinking and problem solving skills. It has increased the number of bilingual/ multilingual students at Chatswood Public School. It has also had a significant impact on our students' understanding of the world around them, which is growing them to become global citizens in the 21st century.

Students in the bilingual program have been achieving great results in both English and Korean. We align our teaching to the NSW Syllabus outcomes covering the Key Learning Areas of Mathematics, Science, History/Geography, Creative Arts in Korean to make learning relevant. Students are immersed in English and Korean lessons every day covering all the different subjects. They also receive intensive Korean lessons once a week by joining with their buddy bilingual classes through team teaching. During these lessons, students have been learning about the technical aspects of the language of reading and writing and introducing them to new vocabulary and phrases through songs and interactive activities. Students are also involved in cultural experiences through participating in cultural activities, integrating Korean literacy, traditional games and visiting the Korean Cultural Centre.

By the end of the year, students in Kindergarten are able to respond to greetings, questions, commands in verbal/nonverbal ways in familiar social interactions, such as games, role-plays, classroom instructions. They are also able to recognise words and phrases in Korean and are developing writing skills in context. Students are developing pronunciation and intonation skills and are confidently participating in social exchanges with teachers and peers.

This program runs from Kindergarten to Year 6. The program follows the NSW syllabus outcomes, learning the technicalities of the language and immersing into the culture throughout their time at Chatswood Public School. Parents are supported and involved in their child's bilingual education through homework activities that correspond to their learning at school that week and audio files are sent weekly to help with pronunciation and to learn words and phrases together. There is also a Youtube channel where different Korean phrases and songs are posted. There is also a strong network of parents involved in the bilingual program that support the group.

In Year 5 and 6, students are given an opportunity to be a part of the Korean Culture Club and visit South Korea. They will be able to visit their sister school, Seoul National University Elementary School. They visit South Korea's famous historical landmarks, connect with our sister school to share experiences together and make real-world connections with their cultural, historical knowledge and language skills.

Expression of Interest forms are due after the first Kindergarten Orientation Day on Monday, 29th October 2018 for 2019 Kindergarten students.

