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## Application Form Victorian Young Leaders to China Program

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Mount Clear College will again be conducting the Victorian Young Leaders to China Program in 2020. The program is a Victorian Department of Education initiative, offering students the opportunity to live and study in China for six weeks.

Students participate in a variety of activities that are designed to develop their leadership and teamwork skills, as well as personal development. They will visit high schools in China, experience homestay with a Chinese family, explore the cities of Chongqing or Qingdao and Nanjing, as well as travel to Beijing and Shanghai for sightseeing opportunities.

The final dates and itinerary have not yet been confirmed, however we plan to conduct the program in March and April. In 2019 the program ran in the last two weeks of Term 1, through the holidays and the first two weeks of Term 2 and we anticipate the same timing next year.

The significantly subsidised cost to attend the 6 week program is \$2,000.00 for full fee places, or \$800 for Health Care Card places. Students who are eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF) may allocate the annual CSEF funding of \$225.00 to this trip. The Department of Education have made available a number of further funded positions for families with Health Care Cards. The final cost for these positions cannot be determined until the total number of eligible families is confirmed. The funds will then be shared equally across all, resulting in minimal trip costs for each eligible family. **The separate costs for passports and spending money for each student must be provided by the Parents/Guardians.**

Students who are interested in attending the Victorian Young Leaders to China Program need to follow the application process outlined in this document and submit it to Ms. Jess McCulloch in the Language Centre, no later than **Monday 2 September, 2019**. Dates for information sessions will follow.

**As the majority of communication with parents is via email, please ensure you have an email address that you check regularly.**

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to call Ms. Jess McCulloch during school hours on telephone number 5330 1500 or via email at [mcculloch.jessica.l@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:mcculloch.jessica.l@edumail.vic.gov.au)

Yours faithfully,

**Lynita Taylor**  
Principal

**Jenny Bromley**  
Director of International Programs

**Jess McCulloch**  
Learning Specialist



## Application Form

### Victorian Young Leaders to China Program

### Part 1 – Contact Details

Student Name		Class	
Student Email			

I support my child's application for the Victorian Young Leaders to China program in 2020.  
I am aware that there is a cost involved of up to \$2,000.00 if I do not have a Health Care card.  
If I do have a Health Care Card, I am aware there is a cost of \$800.

**PAYMENTS NEED TO BE MADE BEFORE THE TRIP LEAVES. Payment plans are available.**

Health Care Card Number	
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Please submit a photocopy of your card with this form.

## Parent/Guardian Contact Details

Name of Parent/Guardian	
Signature of Parent/Guardian	
Email address	
Telephone number	

*Email addresses are ESSENTIAL for communication about this trip. If you don't have one, please organise to get a free one at a service like gmail.com*  
*Please check your email regularly.*

## Part 2 – Referees

### Referees

You are required to obtain the signature of one teacher and one Year Level Coordinator, who support your application, and who believe you would benefit from the experience of attending the Victorian Young Leaders to China program.

#### Teacher Reference

I support this student's application for the Victorian Young Leaders to China Program.	
Name of Teacher	
Signature of Teacher	

#### YLC Reference

I support this student's application for the Victorian Young Leaders to China Program.		
Name of Year Level Coordinator		
Signature of Year Level Coordinator		
Principal Interview Suggested	Yes	No

#### Principal Interview

A Principal Interview may be required if there are any issues with your behavioural record. Compass entries are taken into consideration. For example, if you have many instances of 'Not following instructions' that is a concern, as that could become a safety issue on an overseas trip.

The list of applicants will be reviewed by our Leadership and Wellbeing teams. If Leadership decides that an interview is required, then that will be communicated to you.

However, you and/or your Coordinator may decide before that process is finished that it would be best to have a Principal interview. That would be viewed favourably.

Either way, **you** must make the appointment yourself. You are welcome to bring someone with you to the interview. It could be a parent, one of your YLCs or a teacher who supports your application. This will mean making sure the interview is at a time that suits your support person.

You can make an appointment by emailing or going to see Belinda Mirabella in the front office. [mirabella.belinda.j@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:mirabella.belinda.j@edumail.vic.gov.au)

In the Principal Interview, you will be required to

- Articulate why you want to participate in the program
- Discuss strategies that you will put in place to ensure improvement to following the school values of **CARE, COMMITMENT, RESPECT and RESPONSIBILITY.**
- Make a commitment that will ensure you are a high-quality representative of our school while in China.

If you have had a Principal interview, make sure you have filled out the following section.

### STATEMENT OF CONFIDENCE

**PRINCIPAL STATEMENT:**

I have interviewed \_\_\_\_\_  
and our discussion has given me confidence that he/she will be a valuable addition to the Victorian Young Leaders to China Program.

Further comment:

PRINCIPAL SIGNATURE:

DATE

**STUDENT STATEMENT:**

I am confident that I will be able to display the school values during my time in China.  
Strategies discussed were:

STUDENT SIGNATURE:

DATE:

## Part 3 – Benefits and Challenges Interview

You need to interview a student who has been on the trip previously. Ask them about what they did, what they found difficult, how they overcame their challenges, and what they see as the benefits of the trip.

**An interview session will take place during Period 5 on Monday 19 August in the Language Centre.** Students who attended this year’s trip will be there to talk to you about their experiences. You can then use what you learn to inform the written responses section of this application.

When you come to the Language Centre for the interviews, you will need to be the one who approaches a student. Introduce yourself and find out their name if you don’t already know. Meeting new people is something you will have to do regularly in China, so this is a chance to experience that challenge.

On the following page you will find a table to fill out. Find out at least three benefits and three challenges from the student/s you speak to. You don’t have to get all of your information from one student. You are encouraged to speak to several to get some great stories and perspectives.

Be prepared. What questions do you have for the student/s you will speak to?

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<b>Benefits</b>	<b>Challenges</b>

## Part 4 – Written Responses

Student Name		Class	
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Please respond to the following questions. Typed or neatly handwritten responses will be accepted. Please write well developed answers. A one sentence response is *not* adequate.

**What do you hope to personally gain from attending the program? What personal challenges might you face and how might you overcome them?**

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**How do you display leadership skills at school and in the community? Your answer to this question should show some recognition of the different types of leadership. Leadership is not just about being in charge or doing public speaking.**

**How do you demonstrate Mount Clear College's four core values? Why is having values important?**

# STOP!

Before you submit this application, please check that you have completed this checklist.

Incomplete applications WILL NOT be considered.

You will not be followed up to fix things.

- Check that ALL sections are complete, especially the contact details section.
- Check that you have all relevant signatures. Even missing one signature is considered incomplete.
- Have you included the copy of your family's Health Care Card (if required)?
- If you had a Principal Interview, have you completed the Statement of Confidence?
- Have you interviewed a past participant and written down some of the questions you asked and at least three benefits and challenges?
- Have you written detailed answers in the written section? Remember, ONE SENTENCE ANSWERS ARE NOT ADEQUATE.

**Applications due no later than Monday 2 September, 2019.**

Submit application to:

Jess McCulloch, Language Centre.