



## THE PENINSULA SCHOOL

### **VCE at the Nanjing Experimental School provided by The Peninsula School**

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#### **Introduction**

The Peninsula School supports the Nanjing Experimental School to teach the Victorian Certificate of Education. The Peninsula School has delivered a VCE program in Nanjing since 2006. We operate similar programs in other cities in China including Zhengzhou, Shanghai and Heze and expect to open several new programs in 2017. We have been operating in China for 12 years.

#### **Nanjing**

Many would argue that Nanjing, located on the Yangtze River, is the cultural centre of China. It is a former imperial capital and the home of 37 universities. Major historical and archaeological sites are located throughout this metropolis. The city is built around extensive lakes and is bordered by verdant forested mountains which contrast the bustle of a vibrant city where a vast range of modern and traditional amenities are enjoyed. Nanjing is the capital of Jiangsu province, which is recognised throughout China for setting the highest standards for educational achievement in the country. The people of Nanjing are justifiably proud of their city, its natural and man made features and its universities and schools.

#### **Nanjing Experimental School**

This is a private school established in 1996, and is now a joint venture operation in conjunction with Nanjing No.1 Middle School – regarded by most as the leading school in Nanjing. Over the past 20 years, NES has catered for both primary and high school students with innovative and rigorous education.

NES covers an area of 74000 square metres. Teaching buildings and dormitories cover 60000 square meters. Currently there are over 500 staff members (including more than 300 teachers) and 4200 full-time students.

NES has been supported by an excellent teaching and administrative team since its establishment. This was particularly facilitated in 2003, after signing the joint venture agreement with Nanjing No.1 Middle School, bringing the benefit of their comprehensive teaching management system and managerial talent – honed during a long and illustrious history.

There are over 1600 enrolled students in NES primary school. Indeed, the quality of primary education at NES is at the top of the scale in Nanjing. Apart from core subjects, NES has now introduced various elective subjects including calligraphy, musical instruments and technology to cultivate a large group of versatile and broadly talented students.

## **The VCE**

The Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) is granted after 2 years of successful study – years 11 and 12. Assessment for year 11 subjects is entirely internal. External examinations are undertaken in year 12. Assessment at year 12 comprises internal coursework assessment in addition to the examinations. When taking into account the statistical moderation that is applied to raw scores, it is true to say that more weight is given to the examinations. The statistical moderation yields a Tertiary Entry Rank (ATAR) that determines access to university courses.

The Program operates under licence from the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority, which will provide the examinations offshore for the Chinese students.

Currently, The Nanjing Experimental School has approximately 50 students in Year 11 VCE.

## **Immigration law**

Students who complete the VCE in China would be expected to undertake Tertiary studies at a Chinese university, or an Australian university operating in China or in Australia.

It is important to note that Australian immigration law is constantly changing and that to obtain a visa to study in Australia you must meet financial, age, health and character criteria, in addition to academic ones. Obtaining the VCE will not, of itself, guarantee an Australian visa. It ought to provide a sound basis for continuing study through the medium of the English language.

## **Australian teachers recruited to the VCE at Nanjing Experimental School**

Australian teachers recruited for the Nanjing School will teach the VCE and the preparatory Year 10 course which leads to it. The subjects taught are:

Year 11: EAL, Chinese, Physics, and Mathematical Methods

Year 12: EAL, Physics, Further Maths, Mathematical Methods, Specialist Mathematics and Chinese First Language.

## **Conditions of Work**

Teachers will be employed in accordance with a contract of negotiable length. (See below for details.)

A nominated teacher at The Peninsula School will formally support each Australian teacher in China. The Peninsula School will provide curriculum materials on their website to support the teaching of the VCE subjects listed above and send staff to China to provide professional support.

### **Skills and Attributes Required for the Position**

The applicant should have a warm flexible and open personality and a genuine interest in young people and excellent cross cultural communication skills.

The applicant is required to satisfy the following selection criteria:

- At least 5 years VCE teaching experience or its equivalent, most of that being in the discipline within which you are employed to teach;
- Classroom performance – evidence provided by referees;
- Administrative skills – evidence provided by referees;
- Communication skills and collegial support – evidence provided by referees;
- Police check;
- Good health – applicants must be able to access appropriate health / travel insurance;
- Willingness to undergo an orientation program and professional development;
- Suitability for overseas service – to be determined by interview. Factors that may be considered are listed below:
  - Previous overseas experience;
  - ESL training and experience;
  - Exposure to NESB (Non English Speaking Background) students in Australia;
  - Family commitments;
  - Interest and knowledge of the Chinese culture;
  - Independence and resilience;
  - Cross cultural communication skills.

### **Qualifications**

A Bachelors Degree and a Diploma of Education as a minimum  
VIT Registration or capacity to receive this upon application

**Salary Package**

- 25000 RMB/month.
- One return airfare.
- Chinese company health insurance.
- Visa related expenses to be reimbursed.
- Free apartment at school or subsidy to live in private accommodation.
- Free meals when at school.
- Use of laptop computer provided by school.
- Access to internet at school.

**Reporting to**

You would be directed in your training, orientation and academic work by a team of staff from The Peninsula School. Your daily arrangements at school would be managed by the International Department of the Nanjing School.

**Holiday Periods**

July and August are the months of summer holidays. Actual start and finish dates vary from year to year and province to province in China and are only announced in June each year. There are shorter national holidays in May and October.

**Dates for initial contract**

Start time February 27<sup>th</sup> 2017.

End date for initial and renewable contract: January 26<sup>th</sup> 2018.