**AT3 – Externally Assessed Oral Exam –Locally Assessed Continuers Languages**

**ADVICE FOR STUDENTS**

The oral exam consists of a general conversation between the student and the two assessors about the student's personal world.

Assessors may take it in turn to ask questions. One assessor will indicate to the student when to start the conversation.

For example, *Let's start the conversation now. What is your SACE number?* Please note that if asked this in [language] then the student should provide their SACE number in [language]. The examiner will then repeat the number back in English for the purposes of the recording.

When conversing with the assessors, students may support their responses by reflecting on their experience of interacting with any of the relevant subtopics that they studied in class from the prescribed themes.

Students are **not** expected to prepare or memorise chunks of information, however, they are advised to prepare strategies to respond to unexpected questions.

The conversation about the student's personal world may include questions on topics such as the ones listed below.

**Personal identity/world**

For example, students may be asked questions which requires them to talk about

* themselves
* their area
* part time jobs/ volunteer work
* anything which is important to how they see themselves

**Family and friends**

For example, students may be asked questions about

* the members of their family
* relationships with siblings (if relevant)
* pets
* friends
* things they like to do as a family or with their friends
* responsibilities they have as a member of their family
* favourite family holidays

**Interests**

For example, students may be asked questions about

* how they like to spend their free time
* their involvement or interest in sport/music/other
* hobbies/skills or talents
* how they balance study and relaxation
* favourite films/books/music/bands

**Education**

For example, students may be asked questions about

* subjects they study
* why they chose to study a language
* what they have found most interesting in their [language] studies this year
* if learning a language has changed the way they think
* what they have learnt about [language speaking communities] through their language study
* their favorite theme/topic from their [language] studies this year
* their school
* cocurricular activities
* school rules such as uniform or phone policies
* important school events

**Future Aspirations**

For example, students may be asked questions about

* the sort of person they hope to be
* what they are interested in doing post Year 12
* travel plans/hopes
* plans to celebrate the end of exams
* if they are interested in further education and why
* dreams/goals
* if they have a career path they are interested in and what attracts them to that career

**General advice.**

Students should be able to show they can use communication strategies (e.g. self-correcting, seeking clarification, using appropriate pause fillers) to interact and maintain the conversation.

Some phrases which may be of use include

“I am sorry, I don’t understand. Could you please rephrase that question?”

“I didn’t hear that, could you please repeat it?”

“Is there another [language] word for xxx?”

“Could you please speak a little slower?”

“Sorry, what I meant to say was…”

**Stage 2 Chinese (Continuers)**

The following questions are suggested as useful **starting points** in preparation for the Oral Examination. They are examples only. The questions are neither prescriptive nor exhaustive, and students should be prepared to answer questions that are presented in a variety of ways.

**请你介绍一下你自己**

你家有几口人？

父母做什么工作？

他们喜欢他们的工作吗？

你家的房子有多大？有几个房间？

房子外面的环境怎么样？

你喜欢住在那里吗？为什么？

他是个什么样的人？

**兴趣和爱好**

在学校你参加什么课外活动？哪一天有活动？

你对什么音乐感兴趣？为什么？

你每天什么时候看电视？看多久？

你最喜欢的电视节目是什么？你为什么喜欢？

你最近看了什么电影？

**学习汉语**

你学习汉语有多久了？

你喜欢学习汉语的哪些方面？为什么？

你觉得学习汉语最大的困难是什么？

你将来还会继续学习汉语吗？为什么？

**学校的生活**

请介绍一下你的学校

除了汉语以外，你还学习什么科目？

你最喜欢上什么课？你最不喜欢的课是什么？为什么？

你家离学校有多远？你每天怎么上学？

**未来的打算**

你明年打算做什么？

要是上大学，你想学什么科目？为什么？

你将来想做什么工作？为什么？

**旅行**

你去过澳大利亚的什么地方？

你去过中国吗？什么时候去的？和谁一起去的？

在中国旅游你觉得最有意思的地方是什么？为什么？

你以后想去什么地方旅行？为什么想去那里旅行？

**中国的文化**

你有看过中国电影吗？

什么电影？喜欢吗？为什么喜欢/不喜欢？

中国人和澳大利亚人的吃饭习惯有什么不同？

请你给我们谈一个中国的节日。