

Australia China Friendship Society

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PANDA COMPETITION 2017

The Panda Competition is conducted every year by the Australia China Friendship Society and is open to students from Pre-schools, Primary schools and High schools in the ACT and Queanbeyan.

The topic for this year's competition is:

Chinese Dress/Costume through time.



The history of Chinese costume (including footwear and headwear) is varied and complex, incorporating elements of class, gender, ethnicity, wealth and superstition. Chinese garments are rich in texture and colour, with class and ethnicity expressed in the choice of fabric, cut and decoration. Extremely fine and intricate embroidery is widely used. Motifs are detailed and symbolic and enable the garments to provide luck and good fortune to the wearers. In examples of ethnic dress, hidden symbols are also used to protect the wearer from misfortune and to ward off bad energies.

Competition entrants are welcome to focus on all or any discrete part of the history of Chinese costume and can also look to the 53 Ethnic Minorities of China for inspiration. The Committee will pay particular attention to entries that focus on the history of Chinese dress and design and how it has evolved over time.

Students are asked to creatively focus on an aspect of this topic. This can be through a drawing or, painting, creative works such as a collage or 3-dimensional construction, an essay, poem, or other creative individual effort, appropriate to the student's age and school grade. If the entry is in mandarin an English translation must be provided.

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Conditions of entry are:

- Drawings and combination drawing/words are preferred on **A3** paper.
- Sculptures or collages must have a footprint **no larger than an A3 sheet**
- Essays are to be no more than one A4 page.
- One entry per student. (Entry must be the work of only that student.)

All entries must have the following information provided on or with the entry or they will be ineligible:

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School name:	
Teacher's name	
Student Name (First name plus Surname)	
Gender	Boy / Girl
Age of student	
School Year	

The closing date for all entries is Friday 22 September 2017

Entries should be sent to: The Secretary (Panda Competition)
Australia China Friendship Society
PO Box 530
Civic Square ACT 2608

Judging of the entries will take place in early October and presentation of prizes will be on a date to be advised. When sending in an entry please include a phone and email contact address so that we can contact you with the names of the winners and details of the awards ceremony. If you are posting your entry please email acfsact@gmail.com so that we can ensure it has arrived.

For further information about the competition or, if you would like to deliver your entry, please email acfsact@gmail.com

Yours sincerely



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