

## **The TCI Establishes Confucius Classroom at St Laurence's College**

On 13 May 2016 the unveiling ceremony of the St Laurence's College Confucius Classroom was held at the Edmund Rice Arts Centre of St Laurence's College, Brisbane. Mr Roger Sheehan, Director to Deputy Director-General of Education Queensland; Professor Leong Liew, Director of TCI; Professor Chaojie Liu, Chinese Director of TCI; the class of 1946 and 1956 and all teachers and students were invited to attend the ceremony.

St Laurence's College Deputy Principle Peter Cook was the MC. St Laurence's College Principle Ian McDonald and TCI Director Prof Leong Liew jointly unveiled a plaque for the Confucius Classroom. Mr Ian McDonald spoke highly of the TCI and expressed his sincere gratitude for the effort made to promote the teaching of the Chinese language and culture at St Laurence's College. A Year 9 student representative delivered a welcome speech in fluent Chinese and won warm applause from teachers and students. Prof Leong Liew gave a speech and said he believed that St Laurence's College will gain momentum with the support of the TCI Confucius Classroom.

A lion dance was also performed, and students and teachers demonstrated their knowledge of culture activities including paper cutting, Chinese chess, making dumplings, the tea ceremony, Chinese calligraphy, etc.

Founded by the Christian Brothers in 1915, St Laurence's is a private Catholic School for boys and is located in South Brisbane, Queensland. The school currently has an enrolment of 1600 students in years 5 to 12. A Chinese Language course is offered for each grade level and is taught by three Chinese teachers. Every year more than 200 students choose to study the Chinese Language. The Confucius Classroom will definitely be a positive influence on Chinese teaching at St Laurence's College.



Unveiling the plaque



Lion Dance performance



**Making dumplings**



**Group photo**