

The Tourism Confucius Institute Holds Chinese Culture Events in Cairns

The Tourism Confucius Institute (TCI) at Griffith University was invited by its Confucius Classroom at the Cairns School of Distance Education (CSDE) to hold Chinese culture events for local schools from 25-26 May.

On May 24th and 25th, the TCI staff went to the Machans Beach State School and the Kennedy State School to organise a variety of Chinese culture courses for all school students. The TCI staff prepared several activities including a tea ceremony, dumpling making, paper cutting, Chinese calligraphy, chess, etc. Students from both schools showed great interest in learning about the Chinese language and culture and enjoyed the activities.

On May 26th the CSDE held a big Multicultural Day to bring together students learning languages through the Internet. Early in the morning the TCI staff and local Chinese teachers decorated a Chinese booth with big lanterns and Chinese knots. Many people were attracted by the beautiful red booth. The TCI also organised different activities including Chinese gobang, shuttlecock making and dumpling making. At the end of the event, two volunteer teachers from the TCI and four Chinese teachers from CSDE performed a dance called *The Little Apple*, ending the day on a happy note!

The principals from all the three schools expressed their sincere gratitude to the TCI staff and spoke highly of the Chinese activities. The TCI Chinese director also held discussions with the CSDE principal about promoting Confucius classroom development and Chinese teaching and culture in the future.



Chinese calligraphy



Learning a Chinese song



Making dumplings



Group photo at the Kennedy State School



Group photo at the Machans Beach State School



Dancing with CSDE teachers