

## Debut of TCI Chinese Traditional Music Tour at Marsden State High School

The Tourism Confucius Institute (TCI) at Griffith University has prepared an elaborate Chinese Traditional Music Concert which is available upon request to local schools and communities from August to October. The Traditional Music Band includes Chinese instruments such as the Pipa, Erhu, Zheng, Chinese Bamboo Flute, Xiao, Cucurbit Flute and Bawu. The performances include traditional Chinese folk songs, modern pop music and Western classics, providing the audience a timeless audio-visual journey.

The debut of the tour was held on August 23, 2019 at the Marsden State High School in Logan. The principal of the school, Mr. Andrew Peach, attended the concert with more than 2,500 teachers and students.



Officially beginning at 1:20 pm, the Traditional Music band kicked off the show with "Freedom". Then TCI volunteer and MC Fangfang Li introduced the Chinese traditional instruments to the students. She was followed by Phoebe, a TCI Chinese overseas volunteer, who conducted several popular traditional music songs including the Bawu solo "Dai Love Songs", the Xiao solo "Missing My Hometown at the Dressing Table!", Erhu solo "The Grapes are Ripe", a Pipa and Zheng duet "A Moonlit Night on Spring River" and a team effort of "Blue and White Porcelain" and "Duet with RaJor".



"Blue and White Porcelain"



Pipa and Zheng Duet "A Moonlit Night on Spring River"



Bawu solo "Dai Love Song"



Xiao Solo "Missing My Hometown at the Dressing Table!"



Erhu Solo "The Grapes are Ripe"

The unique music was enjoyed by the teachers and students. The beautiful notes echoed on campus for a long time and garnered loud applause. Although the audience didn't know much about Chinese culture, the music was definitely a big hit! The concert concluded with the Australian folk song "Click Go the Shears". The combination of Chinese traditional instruments and western classical songs was an awesome experience!