

# News Release Minister Jennifer Rankine

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## South Australian Certificate of Education to be taught in Beijing

A popular school in Beijing will teach the South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE) from 2015.

The Beijing Bacui Bilingual School has 1000 students from China, Korea, Thailand, and Kazakhstan. Bacui means “outstanding”.

Education and Child Development Minister Jennifer Rankine said that it was the 10<sup>th</sup> year that the SACE International program had been taught in China, as well as several colleges in Malaysia.

“It is an absolute credit to South Australia that our method of teaching and preparing students for adulthood is continuing to be embraced and expanded,” Ms Rankine said.

“Discussions this year between the SACE Board and Beijing school officials included information about the Research Project.”

China is an economic super-power and is expected to be the world’s largest economy by 2030. Beijing is the capital, and second largest city with a population of more than 21 million.

“They want their students to be able to develop skills beyond rote learning, the sort of skills the Research Project component of the SACE provides. The Research Project is a unique opportunity for students to develop their ability to question and plan, to evaluate and make judgments and decisions. These skills are essential for success in our rapidly changing world.”

“It was the State Labor Government that introduced the Research Project in 2011. We now have the best retention rates in 20 years – with 91.9 per cent of state school students finishing Year 12.”

Subjects similar to the Research Project are currently taught in other parts of the world including:

- Singapore, where the Singapore Examinations and Assessment Board requires all of its Year 12 students to undertake ‘Project Work’, a full-year subject similar to the Research Project.
- United Kingdom - Cambridge International Examinations offers ‘Global Perspectives’ as part of its International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) and the:
- Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority has recently introduced a full-year ‘Extended Investigation’ for study at Year 12 level.

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