

## Department of Education and Early Childhood Development

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Dear Ms Zhao

Thank you for your application of 29 May 2013 in which you request permission to conduct research in Victorian government schools and/or early childhood settings titled *Blended learning Chinese* programs in Victoria.

I am pleased to advise that on the basis of the information you have provided your research proposal is approved in principle subject to the conditions detailed below.

- 1. The research is conducted in accordance with the final documentation you provided to the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development.
- 2. Separate approval for the research needs to be sought from school principals and/or centre directors. This is to be supported by the DEECD approved documentation and, if applicable, the letter of approval from a relevant and formally constituted Human Research Ethics Committee.
- The project is commenced within 12 months of this approval letter and any extensions or variations to your study, including those requested by an ethics committee must be submitted to the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development for its consideration before you proceed.
- 4. As a matter of courtesy, you advise the relevant Regional Director of the schools or governing body of the early childhood settings that you intend to approach. An outline of your research and a copy of this letter should be provided to the Regional Director or governing body.
- 5. You acknowledge the support of the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development in any publications arising from the research.
- 6. The Research Agreement conditions, which include the reporting requirements at the conclusion of your study, are upheld. A reminder will be sent for reports not submitted by the study's indicative completion date.
- 7. If DEECD has commissioned you to undertake this research, the responsible Branch/Division will need to approve any material you provide for publication on the Department's Research Register.



I wish you well with your research study. Should you have further enquiries on this matter, please contact Youla Michaels, Project Support Officer, Research, Evaluation and Analytics Branch, by telephone on (03) 9637 2707 or by email at <a href="michaels.youla.y@edumail.vic.gov.au">michaels.youla.y@edumail.vic.gov.au</a>.

Yours sincerely

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