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Come learn Portuguese with us!



The Portuguese School of Macau welcomes non-Portuguese students to enroll and study in an environment that promotes learning and interpersonal relations. The intensive course is divided in two age groups: from grades 1 to 4 and from grades 5 to 10.

Preparatory Year

The Preparatory Year is aimed at non-native students who attend classes of Portuguese as a Foreign Language for a whole year, from September to July.

The classes successfully help the students become more independent and acquire basic language proficiency in order to fully integrate the school's curriculum the following year.

In 14 contact hours per week the students learn in small groups with a certified language teacher, trained and experienced in teaching Portuguese as a Foreign Language.

Students discover the Portuguese language with classmates that share the same skills and difficulties. That stimulates a sense of self-confidence and allows them to respect others' learning-paces and abilities.

The teacher must develop an atmosphere that promotes learning, establish a relationship of affection and promote diversified activities that keep the student in permanent interaction with the social and curricular context.

All students are also integrated in regular classes of children of the same age, to maximize their exposure to the language and promote a social-emotional development, which is fundamental for learning and boosting their confidence.

Besides the Portuguese intensive course, students attend other subjects of the curriculum, which do not require a knowledge of the Portuguese language: Mandarin, English, Music, IT, Physical Education and Arts.

We encourage all new students to participate in several extracurricular activities the school offers.

Since the main goal is to successfully acquire language skills, students are only assessed in their written and oral skills in Portuguese Preparatory Year. Learning a foreign language is a complex process that requires time and dedication, therefore students must be determined to learn.

Pilot project: a primary school class for non-native speakers of Portuguese

This school year, EPM is conducting a pilot project: a group of primary school students of different nationalities is starting to learn the Portuguese language. In this class, students begin learning the four basic language skills (listening, reading, writing and speaking), but are also introduced to the contents of the different curriculum subjects. This class consists of a small group of students, a fact which enhances learning and makes it possible to closely monitor the students.

