Asian Hub:
Woodvale Secondary College is an ‘Asian Hub’, which means there is a whole-of-College responsibility to work with a range of schools, community groups, other education institutions, local businesses and local government to develop Asian literacy in our students. Our role in our City of Joondalup-Jinan (China) Sister City Partnership and its impact on our students was nationally acknowledged in our NAB Schools First Asia-Ready Award November, 2013. As a result of being an Asian Hub, the College is attracting students with the interest and ability to learn Japanese and Mandarin. Another result is the likelihood of extra funding, more resources and opportunities for all our students.

All Australian schools are laying the foundation for implementing the Australian Curriculum in Years 7-12. One of the cross-curriculum priorities of this new curriculum is Australia’s engagement with Asia.

Over and above curriculum, some of the unique opportunities our Asian Hub offers include special events such as regular Japanese and Chinese inbound and outbound study tours, special guests, performances, workshops and travel/study scholarships. We also have an Asian Bridges Club which students are invited to join, and parents are encouraged to contact the College if they would like to contribute in any way.

Why is it important for our students to be Asian literate?
In essence, it gives your children an ‘extra edge’ for a successful future.

‘Major changes in the world are placing new demands on Australian education … Australians need to become Asia literate, engaging and building strong relationships with Asia.’

‘To best prepare our students to be part of a shared future of regional stability and prosperity, we need to engage them with Asian languages and cultures. A global economy dominated by the Asian region and characterised by diminishing barriers will require a skilled workforce able to work effectively with other cultures. Our students will need to value, understand and know about the diversity of peoples, cultures and countries of the Asian region. In addition to intercultural skills, some students will be able to speak one or more Asian languages.’
Asia Education Foundation.

Interesting links on Asian Literacy:
http://www.asiaeducation.edu.au
http://vimeo.com/43247221
http://www.schooltube.com/video/7e13116b078f1b661e7d/

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What is the education policy context for Asia literacy?