



墨爾本中華青年會
CHINESE YOUTH SOCIETY OF MELBOURNE

Every year in Melbourne when we celebrate Chinese New Year, it appears that there is a more lively atmosphere here than in comparison to large overseas cities. We are not only celebrating in the city, but also in the outer suburbs such as Springvale and Box Hill who have organised their festivals so that they have special and creative features. For example: setting up stalls, selling products for the occasion or having a flower market. With each year's festival getting livelier, it has become a place for Chinese people to gather. During the New Year period, the Chinese Youth Society of Melbourne along with other groups always take part to create the festive atmosphere.

The Chinese Youth Society of Melbourne has different types of lion dance teams, and a dragon dance team. During the spring festival period (Chinese New Year), we go back and forth to different areas to perform at different shops continually for the sake of creating New Year atmosphere - the sound of firecrackers, the gong and the drums mixed together combined with people's new year well wishes to each other. Despite Chinese people living overseas, when they see Chinese New Year's lively atmosphere, they feel a little bit warm at heart and appreciative of the traditional spirit of Chinese culture.

Therefore, we wish that various social groups and people from all walks of life are able to heartily support the Chinese Youth Society of Melbourne's activities. We also hope that there are more parents who will encourage their young people to join our group.

Our lion dance and dragon dance timetable is as follows:

Date	Time	Location	Activities
Saturday 24 th January 2009	11:00am	Box Hill – Chinese New Year Festival	Festival celebration
Tuesday 27 January 2009	11:00am	Box Hill	Lion dance at different shops
Wednesday 28 January 2009	11:00am	Footscray	Lion dance at different shops
Thursday 29 January 2009	11:00am	Richmond	Lion dance at different shops
Friday 30 January 2009	11:00am	Glen Waverley	Lion dance at different shops
Sunday 1 st February 2009	11:15am	Chinatown	Lion dance & dragon dance performance
	10:15pm – 8:00pm		Stall

During the New Year period, CYSM will on 1st February 2009 have a stall in Little Bourke Street displaying lion dance and dragon dance props. We welcome people from all walks of life and children to visit the stall to take photos.

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