

English as an Additional Language (EAL) Program

The EAL Program is designed to support Year 11 EAL students to be better prepared to meet the demands of mainstream VCE. The program will give EAL students the support needed to start VCE, with extra support and tuition throughout their timetabled classes.

Students looking to do a full EAL Program can choose to study the following classes:

- VCE EAL English – Units 1 and 2
- VCE Further Mathematics – Units 1 and 2
- VCE Foundation English – Units 1 and 2 - a course that is aimed at students who need additional support in strengthening and refining their literacy skills.
- Two additional subjects chosen by the student.

How many Units will a successful student obtain?

- Ten Units in total for the year if all subjects are successfully achieved.

What program do students select in Year 12?

- Students transition if capable into a mainstream Year 12 English, or if eligible can enrol in EAL English.
- OR**
- Students could choose to do a 3-year VCE program allowing them more flexibility in their program.

How are students chosen for this program?

- Through recommendations from Partnership schools.
- EAL programs in Partnership Schools.
- MELC Transition.
- EAL students who have successfully undertaken the VCAL Foundation or Intermediate Course.

Eligibility criteria for students seeking English as Additional Language (EAL) Status

Students who are unfamiliar with the English language because they are from non-English-speaking backgrounds or who are hearing impaired may have access to English as an Additional Language (EAL) status.

A student may be eligible for EAL status if they meet both of the following conditions:

- They have been a resident in Australia or New Zealand or other predominantly English-speaking country for not more than seven years over the period of their education NOTE: The period of seven years is to be calculated cumulatively over the student's whole life.
- English has been the student's major language of instruction for a total period of not more than seven years over the period of their education.

OR:

- they are a student of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent whose first language is not English.

OR:

- they have a hearing impairment (must produce evidence of hearing loss of 60 decibels or greater in their better ear.)

PLEASE NOTE: These classes are available subject to student numbers.