

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 available throughout their timetabled classes.

Students looking to study a full EAL Program can choose to enrol in VCE EAL English – Units 1 and 2.

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.
- Through EAL programs in Partnership Schools.
- Through MELC Transition.

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

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