

# Temporary Residents Program



## English as a Second Language (ESL) Education

English as a Second Language (ESL) programs are provided in many primary and high schools to support ESL learners to develop their English language competence. In these schools, ESL programs are delivered in a variety of ways to meet the different needs of ESL students at different stages of learning English.

The availability of ESL support varies between schools, depending on the number of ESL learners enrolled.

### Newly arrived students

Students who have recently arrived in Australia and who are in the early stages of learning English may be eligible for short term intensive English language support, either in a school or an Intensive English Centre (IEC) or Intensive English High School (IEHS).

Some temporary visas do not entitle the holder to receive ESL support. Please refer to the Schedule of Visa Subclass & Conditions document to determine eligibility for ESL support.

### Secondary Students

Newly arrived high school aged students may enrol in one of 14 Intensive English Centres (IECs) located in Sydney and Wollongong or the Cleveland Street Intensive English High School (IEHS). These Centres provide short term intensive English and high school preparation programs for students before they enrol in high school.

High school aged students enrolling in high schools outside the Sydney metropolitan or Wollongong areas, where IECs are not available, may receive intensive English support at their local high school.

For high school aged students to be eligible for enrolment in an IEC or the IEHS, the student must:

- Be a permanent or approved temporary resident. Please refer to the Schedule of Visa Subclass & Conditions document for a full listing of visa subclasses and their eligibility for the ESL program.
- Be applying for IEC/IEHS enrolment within the first 6 months of arriving in Australia.
- Speak a language other than English as his or her first language and require intensive ESL tuition to enable the student to participate in secondary education.
- Have the intention to continue their education in a government high school after the completion of the intensive English course.

Newly arrived students may apply to their local IEC/IEHS for enrolment or they may be referred by a local high school. The IEC/IEHS assesses each student's English language competence and recommends an appropriate placement, either in an IEC or in a local high school.

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## Primary Students

There is no primary school Intensive English Centres. Newly arrived primary school aged students enrol directly in school and receive English language support there.

In certain cases, students in Year 6 may be enrolled in an IEC/IEHS after term 1 in preparation for high school the following year. In addition to the conditions applying to high school students for enrolment in an IEC/IEHS, students must be at least 11 years of age by 31 July in the current year.

## ESL Students in Year 12

A number of high schools offer the Higher School Certificate English (ESL) course. The English (ESL) course is open to ESL students who have been studying in English as the language of instruction for five years or less at the beginning of the Stage 6 Preliminary course. The course is only offered in those schools which have a sufficient number of eligible students.

ESL students who are not able to enrol in the English (ESL) course can enrol in the English (Standard) or English (Advanced) courses. ESL students may also enrol in the Fundamentals of English, which is a Preliminary course of study which aims to support students' work in either the English (Standard) course or the English (ESL) course and to assist students to use the English language effectively in their study and for vocational and other purposes.

## Community Language Programs

A number of primary schools provide community language programs in over 30 languages spoken in the Australian community. These community language programs vary between schools and the availability of particular languages depends on the number of students who wish to study them.

A number of languages are also available for study in high schools, up to the Higher School Certificate level. High school students may also enrol in the Saturday School of Community Languages to study their home language if that language is not available at their school.

## Interpreting and Translation Services

Interpreting and translation services are provided for parents and carers who do not speak or understand English. If you need interpreter assistance for a meeting in relation to your child's education or welfare, please contact your child's school and ask them to arrange one for you. You may also ring the Telephone Interpreter Service on **131 450** and ask them to connect you to the school.

A number of Departmental publications have been translated in up to 35 languages and are available on the Department of Education and Training's internet site at:

<https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/languagesupport/index.htm>

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The following is a listing of Intensive English Centres and Intensive English High School located within in the metropolitan Sydney and Wollongong area:

## **Bankstown IEC**

Antwerp St Bankstown 2200  
Ph 02 9796 8138 Fax 02 9796 8699  
Host School: Bankstown Senior College (8381)  
Email: Bankstown-i.School@det.nsw.edu.au

## **Beverly Hills IEC**

Melvin St North Beverly Hills 2209  
Ph 02 9533 1293 Fax 02 9584 1963  
Host School: Beverly Hills Girls HS (8255)  
Email: Beverlyhg-i.School@det.nsw.edu.au

## **Cabramatta IEC**

Aladore Ave Cabramatta 2166  
Ph 02 9727 3562 Fax 02 9728 1069  
Host School: Cabramatta HS (8209)  
Email: Cabramatta-i.School@det.nsw.edu.au

## **Chatswood IEC**

Centennial Ave Chatswood 2067  
Ph 02 9411 5288 Fax 02 9415 1418  
Host School: Chatswood HS (8232)  
Email: Chatswood-i.School@det.nsw.edu.au

## **Chester Hill IEC**

Kenward Ave Chester Hill 2161  
Ph 02 9645 3780 Fax 02 9645 5172  
Host School: Chester Hill HS (8269)  
Email: Chesterhil-i.School@det.nsw.edu.au

## **Cleveland Street IEHS**

Chalmers & Cleveland Sts Surry Hills 2010  
(PO Box 337 Strawberry Hills 2010)  
Ph 02 9319 4806, 02 9319 4807 Fax 02 9698 5691  
Email: Cleveland-i.School@det.nsw.edu.au

## **Evans IEC**

Walters Rd Blacktown 2148  
Ph 02 9622 1289, 02 9622 1348 Fax 02 9676 8573  
Host School: Evans HS (8420)  
Email: Evans-i.School@det.nsw.edu.au

## **Fairfield IEC**

The Horsley Dr Fairfield 2165  
Ph 02 9724 6885 Fax 02 9726 4399  
Host School: Fairfield HS (8550)  
Email: Fairfield-i.School@det.nsw.edu.au

## **Holroyd IEC**

Cumberland Rd Greystanes 2145  
Ph 02 9896 1172 02 9896 1057 Fax 02 9896 5180  
Host School: Holroyd HS (8424)  
Email: Holroyd-i.School@det.nsw.edu.au

## **Kogarah IEC**

Regent St (c/- Kogarah High School Gladstone) Kogarah 2217  
Ph 02 9587 0529 02 9587 5053 Fax 02 9553 8542  
Host School: Kogarah HS (8320)  
Email: Kogarah-i.School@det.nsw.edu.au

## **Lurnea IEC**

Hillview Pde Lurnea 2170  
Ph 02 9602 1858 Fax 02 9824 1156  
Host School: Lurnea HS (8401)  
Email: Lurnea-i.School@det.nsw.edu.au

## **Marrickville IEC**

Northcote St Marrickville 2204  
Ph 02 9550 0251, 02 9550 0252 Fax 02 9560 8079  
Host School: Marrickville HS (8540)  
Email: Marrickvil-i.School@det.nsw.edu.au

## **Marsden IEC**

Winbourne St West Ryde 2114  
Ph 02 9858 3440 Fax 02 9858 1483  
Host School: Marsden HS (8225)  
Email: Marsden-i.Admin@det.nsw.edu.au

## **Miller IEC**

Cabramatta Ave Miller 2168  
Ph 02 9607 2751 Fax 02 9607 3160  
Host School: Miller HS (8394)  
Email: Miller-i.School@det.nsw.edu.au

## **Warrawong IEC**

Cowper St (PO Box 105) Warrawong 2502  
Ph 02 4274 4346 Fax 02 4274 7054  
Host School: Warrawong HS (8480)  
Email: Warrawong-i.School@det.nsw.edu.au

