



EAL/D | ENGLISH AS AN ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE/DIALECT

The English as an Additional Language/Dialect (EAL/D) programmes offered at Trinity Grammar School aim to develop EAL/D students' English language competence as well as an understanding of cultural context and social conventions in their new environment. The EAL/D Department aims to improve each students' learning outcomes in order for them to fully integrate into the whole School community and to go on to pursue further education and training.

The EAL/D teachers assess each new EAL/D boy to determine the appropriate mode of delivery depending on their individual needs. EAL/D students are supported at Trinity in a variety of ways.

A New Arrival Program (NAP) is offered to Primary students just arrived from overseas and small group withdrawal classes are also available for students at the Beginning or Emerging stages of their English language learning. In-class support is offered to students integrating into the mainstream classroom and senior boys have access to one-on-one support and small group EAL/D support as they complete their final years of study. 2 Unit EAL/D is offered to boys in Years 11 and 12 and is taught by a specialist EAL/D teacher. Boys entering the School in Year 10 are welcome to join a transition English class for their first academic year at the School, if there are sufficient numbers to run this class. Explicit teaching models are used and learning is scaffolded in order for the boys to be able to communicate with their peers and their teachers and participate fully in the classroom. The teaching style in this class better equips students to access the curriculum and achieve equitable learning outcomes and be ready to tackle the demands of the Senior School curriculum.

The EAL/D Department also offer lunchtime homework support classes for EAL/D boys as well as three co-curricular classes after school each week. These classes are non-curriculum skills based classes and encourage the boys to improve their English language skills in a fun setting and boost their social interaction with the wider EAL/D community at Trinity. Junior School students also have access to English language tuition at the TEC at the Strathfield campus. The TEC English language skills based classes are taught by specialist EAL/D teachers who focus on speaking, listening writing and comprehension skills.

The EAL/D Department works collaboratively with mainstream classroom teachers to develop programmes, practices and resources which support the English language and literacy learning of all EAL/D students across key learning areas. The EAL/D staff at Trinity also regularly provides advice and professional development to teachers on appropriate teaching programmes and practices for EAL/D students.

Trinity aims to cater for each EAL/D student academically and pastorally by assessing, supporting and reporting on each student as well as working collaboratively with the welfare team, House Masters and Boarding House Staff in order to help each new student transition into their new environment.

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