

Greenwood College Intensive English Centre

General Information for 2022

A range of English as an Additional Language / Dialect (EAL/D) programs are currently being offered for students from Years 7-10 at Greenwood College. Students who are Australian citizens, migrants, humanitarian entrants are catered for with specialist teachers.

The programs on offer are Intensive English Courses for newly arrived students and an EAL/D support program offered in the mainstream for Years 7-10 students. Foundation, General and ATAR level courses are offered in Years 11 and 12.

Parents are welcome to visit the IEC and learn more about our courses and operations with the IEC/EALD Program Co-ordinator. A tour of classes and facilities can be arranged.

All potential students should be referred now – as soon as possible.

Intensive English Centres

SECONDARY AND SENIOR

Intensive English Centres (IECs) specialise in teaching Standard Australian English (SAE) as an Additional Language or Dialect (EAL/D) to newly arrived students who have Language Background Other Than English (LBOTE) and who are eligible to enrol in public schools.

Students enrolled in an IEC come from a range of countries with a diversity of languages and cultures. This contributes to a vibrant, dynamic and inclusive school environment. Attendance at the IEC is for 12 or 24 months depending on the student's visa.

Secondary IECs cater for students aged 12 to 16 years. Senior IECs cater for students aged 16 to 21. Secondary and senior secondary IECs provide a curriculum targeted to individual students' English language learning needs to ensure successful integration into the mainstream.

IECs are located within mainstream schools. Students participate in whole school activities such as sports carnivals, school assemblies and other educational incursions and excursions. In some centres students also participate in mainstream electives such as Physical Education, Art and Craft and Home Economics.

CURRICULUM

IECs deliver differentiated learning programs based on the Western Australian Curriculum. Students are supported to learn English while becoming familiar with the academic and social context of schools in Western Australia. Courses in the IEC are specifically designed to enhance students' effective transition to mainstream education. This includes instruction in Mathematics, Social Sciences, Science and Humanities to ensure that students are well prepared to successfully participate in mainstream schooling.

IEC students have access to some specialist subject areas and mainstream option classes in areas such as Health, Physical Education, Information Technology, Drama, Music, Technology and Design and Library Studies. The IEC program also encourages integration with the whole school community through participation in school-wide events such as sport carnivals and assemblies.

ACCESS TO THE IEC

Newly arrived students whose first language/dialect is other than Standard Australian English (SAE) are eligible to enrol in IECs. Further eligibility criteria, in relation to visa type and sub class number, apply.

Students returning to Australia after living overseas for a period of time who have limited or no English language skills may also be eligible to enrol at an Intensive English Centre.

IEC STAFF

IECs employ EAL/D qualified and trained EAL/D teachers and Ethnic Education Assistants (EEAs). EAL/D teachers are experienced and well equipped to deliver an age-appropriate, scaffolded EAL/D program in line with the Western Australian Curriculum. Teachers at the IEC are EAL/D qualified to deliver specialist programs. Most Ethnic Education Assistants (EEAs) may speak a variety of languages, including the first languages of some IEC students.

STUDENT SERVICES

A team of Student Services staff provide additional support to students and families and work collaboratively with the classroom teachers.

ENROLMENT

- See the attached list of Intensive English Centres to find the closest IEC to contact for an appointment.
- The following information is needed for registration: Date of arrival in Australia, student name, current address, visa sub class number, languages/dialects spoken at home and contact details.
- If required, transport to and from the IEC and an interpreter can be arranged free of charge.