



ESL | ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

The English as a Second Language (ESL) programmes offered at Trinity Grammar School aim to develop ESL students' English language competence as well as an understanding of cultural context and social conventions in their new environment. The ESL 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 ESL teachers assess each new ESL boy to determine the appropriate mode of delivery depending on their individual needs. ESL students are supported at Trinity in a variety of ways.

Small group withdrawal classes focusing on numeracy and literacy are available for new arrival students. 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 ESL support as they complete their final years of study. 2 Unit ESL is offered to boys in Years 11 and 12 and is taught by a specialist ESL teacher and boys entering the School in Year 10 are welcome to join a transition English class for their first academic year at the School. This class is taught by an ESL specialist teacher. 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 ESL Department also offer lunchtime homework support classes for ESL boys as well as two 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 ESL 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 ESL teachers who focus on speaking, listening writing and comprehension skills.

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

Trinity aims to cater for each ESL 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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