

St Peter's College

English as an Additional Language (EAL) Policy

Relationship to school mission Statement

The mission statement of St Peter's college states the importance of recognising the diversity of our student body. We aim to nurture the values of tolerance, inclusion and care within the school and wider community through the provision of English language support to international students.

The Aim of English as an additional language (EAL)

The aim of providing EAL is language support to help students achieve proficiency in reading, writing, speaking and listening to the English language and thereby access the same opportunities as their peers.

The objectives of EAL

The following are the objectives of the EAL programme:

1. To assess and place international students on or prior to school admittance.
2. To provide appropriate interventions to support individual EAL students.
3. To encourage EAL students to participate in school life.

Policy Content

Assessment of EAL students will be provided on or prior to admittance to St Peters College. Testing will continue throughout the school year to gauge the level of English proficiency acquired by each student. The EAL teacher will maintain records of these tests.

Appropriate interventions may include, an immersion programme, withdrawal from mainstream classes for English language classes, in-class language support or small withdrawal support groups.

Encouragement to participate in school life will be promoted by the class tutor, the EAL teachers and TY monitors. Parents may be informed of the students' progress through the school diary, individual meetings and at Parent-teacher meetings. All students are encouraged to participate in school extra-curricular activities.

Resources

Resources for the provision of EAL will be in line with those provided to the school by the DES.

Monitoring

This policy will be monitored by the Management Advisory Committee in consultation with the EAL department.

Review

This policy will be reviewed by the Management Advisory Committee at an appropriate date as agree with the EAL department.

Date: _____

Review date: _____

Signed: _____