Learners of English as a Second (or additional) Language bring rich and diverse linguistic and cultural knowledges to the classroom. Since English is the language of instruction in Queensland state schools, it is essential that all learners are given opportunities to learn English to access the curriculum. ESL learners require explicit instruction in English to participate actively in learning and specific kinds of instruction to enable them to reach potential as independent learners. Research shows that access to Intensive English Language instruction assists students to acquire the academic language needed for school success. ESL teaching supports students by adding English to their existing language repertoire.

North Coast Region EAL Program

EAL Programs in the North Coast Region

**Intensive Classes—Secondary**

Secondary school aged EAL learners in the early stages of English acquisition can receive specialist intensive English support at:

**Nambour State High School**

**Dakabin State High School**

Students’ needs are assessed and EAL support is geared to meet these individual needs. The Intensive classes are full time programs with a focus on learning the English needed to live and study in Australia. As part of their studies, students attend some mainstream classes and are involved in a variety of activities with English speaking students. Small group and individual programs linked to mainstream curricula are designed by the EAL teacher. EAL teacher aides may assist in class along with community volunteers.

**School Based Support —Secondary**

Secondary students who have completed an Intensive Program but who need continued support to achieve their potential are supported in a school based model at

**Nambour State High School**

**Dakabin State High School**

Students’ time is divided between the unit and mainstream classes. EAL teachers support the work done in mainstream classes. As well, EAL-trained teacher aides can assist in classrooms or with individual students. Year 11 and 12 EAL students may study only five (5) subjects instead of the normal six (6). Some students complete their senior schooling over three years, allowing more time for them to develop their English language skills and to give better preparation for further tertiary study.

EAL Visiting Service

It can take many years to acquire the academic English required for successful Learning in the classroom. Younger EAL students and those who have completed an Intensive English program may be supported by EAL visiting teachers who work collaboratively with classroom teachers and other school personnel to provide relevant and appropriate language support. EAL teachers may assist in the placement of students and home school liaison. Collaborative planning with mainstream teachers is an important strategy to address EAL learners’ needs. EAL teachers may also assist schools to address the recognition and understanding of the language and cultural diversity in the school community.

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