

GEELONG GRAMMAR SCHOOL | OVERSEAS STUDENT PROGRAMME

Overseas Students English Language Proficiency Policy

1. Background

- 1.1 All Overseas Students applying to enter the School in Year 5 and above and who do not have English as their first language are required to sit an approved English Language Proficiency Test which is administered by AEAS.
- 1.2 Testing is not required for Overseas Student applications entering the School from Prep to Year 4.

2. Minimum requirements

- 2.1 The School has minimum requirements for the English Language Proficiency Test prior to entry. This is outlined below:

Entering Year Level	AEAS Score
Prep to Year 4	N/A
Year 5 to Year 6	50+
Year 7 to Year 9	60+
Year 10 to Year 12	70+

- 2.2 An unconditional enrolment offer can only be made when a prospective Overseas Student has reached the required level of English language proficiency, either by passing the AEAS test requirements or by attending an English Language Intensive Course for Overseas Students (ELICOS). In the case of the requirements for ELICOS, a conditional enrolment letter is provided, subject to successful completion.

3. Australian Education Assessment Services

- 3.1 When an enquiry is made for an Overseas Student for Years 5 and above, it is important to determine the prospective Overseas Student's first language.
- 3.2 If the prospective Overseas Student's first language is English, they may not need to provide an AEAS report.
- 3.3 Admissions will advise the Enquirer that the prospective Overseas Student will need to submit an AEAS report at the time of application, if they are applying for the following year.
- 3.4 An AEAS report is not required at the time of application for applications made 18 months or more in advance.
- 3.5 An interview with the prospective Overseas Student cannot proceed (generally – depending on their level of English) without the AEAS report.
- 3.6 If the School is not in receipt of the AEAS Report at interview, and it subsequently becomes apparent that the prospective Overseas Student's proficiency is not at the required level, they may be asked to sit an AEAS test.
- 3.7 The School is not in any way affiliated with AEAS and the Enquirer will need to liaise with AEAS directly for testing arrangements and queries.
- 3.8 Some Overseas Students whose English appears to be at the correct level from school reports and/or other participation certificates (i.e., University of NSW) may not need to provide an AEAS report. They will, however, be required to submit their most recent school report and upon review by the Admissions Manager, may be asked to sit an AEAS test prior to their interview.
- 3.9 Some Enquirers will provide Admissions with the AEAS report prior to submitting an application. In this instance, Admissions staff may need to consult with the Admissions Manager as to whether it is appropriate for the prospective Overseas Student to apply for their intended year, as a result of their AEAS test result.

4. ELICOS providers

- 4.1 The School suggests Avalon College as a provider of ELICOS in Geelong. The School refers to prospective students to Avalon College as a result of proximity, their understanding of the School requirements and the relationship between the School and Avalon College. The School is not affiliated with Avalon College and does not receive any fees or benefits for its referrals or recommendations.
- 4.2 The Enquirer will need to liaise with Avalon College (or other ELICOS institution as appropriate) for admission, fees, queries etc.
- 4.3 It may be necessary for the School to speak with the relevant ELICOS institution, once permission from the Enquirer/prospective Overseas Student's family has been granted to share the AEAS report. This is for the purposes of the School's Admissions team gaining a better understanding of how many weeks of ELICOS the prospective Overseas Student may require, before they reach an acceptable level of proficiency in English, for the year level in which they are age appropriate.

5. Definitions

AEAS	means Australian Education Assessment Services
ELICOS	means English Language Intensive Course for Overseas Students
Enquirer	means a parent/legal guardian or education agent making enquiries of the School on behalf of a prospective student



Overseas Student	means a prospective student who intends to enrol at the School pursuant to a subclass 500 student visa. Students living overseas who are Australian citizens or permanent residents are not classified as Overseas Students
the School	means Geelong Grammar School

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