

EAL/D SUPPORT PROGRAM

Burrendah Primary School has run a successful EAL/D Program for thousands of students for over 14 years with the support of our parents, teachers and school leaders. For the majority of students (59%) who attend Burrendah Primary School, English is not their first language. If a child has a language background other than English they may receive extra support and monitoring from the school's EAL/D staff.

Our EAL/D team is comprised of:

- Teachers - Beatrice Clarke and Kathryn Bell
- Education Assistants - Lee Tee Lim and Swee Kee Cheah

The EAL/D room is in Room 20 in Cygnet Block.

Our program exists to support the following students:

- Students in Years 1 and 2 who have a home language other than English or have English alongside another language.
- Students who are in Years 1-6 who have been in Australia for less than 2 years and have a language background other than English and need support to meet the demands of the Australian curriculum.
- Students who have been in Australia for more than two years and are in Years 3-6 but still require some extra support in class in order to improve their ability to meet the demands of a complex learning context.

Some benefits of receiving EAL/D support:

- EAL/D teachers and education assistants work with the students in class or they are withdrawn in order to work in smaller groups with content that is parallel to what is being taught in the classroom.
- Having extra EAL/D support in class means all students benefit from smaller working groups.

We provide the necessary scaffolds so students can access and understand the content required to meet the demands of the Australian Curriculum. We assist students gain the cultural understandings necessary for students to comprehend the world around them in the Australian context.

EAL/D teachers monitor the students closely along with the classroom teacher and provide assessments for the areas of Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing which appear as a separate EAL/D component on the child's report to compliment the English report from the classroom teacher.

If you have any questions or concerns about the EAL/D Program, please arrange an appointment with either Beatriz Clark or Katherine Bell from the EAL/D team by calling the school or visiting the EAL/D room.