

ESOL – English for Speakers of Other Languages

LEVEL 1

Credits: 20-25

Course Aim:

This course caters for international students with a Foundation to Pre-intermediate level of English. The topics support mainstream subjects and literacy skills for across the curriculum. There is an emphasis on all areas of English language to build a range of skills and develop confidence to write and speak in English.

Students who complete this course satisfactorily will be able to:

- write simple texts with clarity using accurate sentence structure
- communicate and have simple conversations in their second language
- understand and use the 1000 vocabulary bank of frequent words
- read texts at stage two of English Language Learning Progressions
- achieve Level 1 and 2 NCEA ESOL credits in listening, speaking, writing and reading.
- understand how certain text types use different language features.

Topics of study include: Antarctica, Environmental studies, Education, The Solar System, Planet Earth, Adventures, True Life Stories and Ancient Civilizations.

Text types studied: Recounts, Procedures, Instructions, Narratives, Information for Practical Purposes and Informative Texts.

Teacher contacts: Ms Chartres and Ms Skelton

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LEVEL 2

Credits: 20 – 30

Course Aim:

This course caters for international students with an Intermediate level of English. The programme aims to develop and expand vocabulary and confidence with a range of text types for mainstream subjects. At this level there is a strong emphasis on writing with increased cohesion and fluency to meet the standard of ESOL Level 3 and English/ Literacy Level 1.

Students who complete this course satisfactorily will be able to:

- write extended texts of 400+ words with clarity using a range of vocabulary, grammar and cohesive tools.
- initiate and sustain conversations in their second language
- understand and use the 2000 vocabulary bank of frequent words
- read texts at stage three of English Language Learning Progressions
- achieve Level 2 and three NCEA ESOL credits in listening, speaking, writing and reading.
- achieve Level 1 Literacy for NCEA and Level 1 English NCEA credits
- understand how certain text types use different language features.

Topics of study include: Explorers and Adventurers, Personal Challenges, Internationalization, Famous People and Places, Careers, Mysterious Events, Natural Disasters, People and Mountains.

Text types studied: Historical and Personal Recounts, Creative Narratives, Information for Practical Purposes, Evaluations, Informative Texts and Biographies.

Teacher contacts: Ms Chartres and Ms Skelton

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LEVEL 3

Credits : 15

Course Aim :

This course caters for international students with an Upper – Intermediate level of English and concentrates on achieving English Literacy for University Entrance. There is a strong focus on writing and reading at NCEA English Level 2 and students learn to write fluently in a range of genres with increasing independence. They also develop skills in generating logical, coherent opinions and analyzing texts.

Students who complete this course satisfactorily will be able to:

- participate in discussion and contribute valid and relevant ideas verbally with confidence
- understand and use the 3000 vocabulary bank of frequent words
- critically analyze written and visual texts and support ideas with convincing examples
- write extended texts with fluency, clarity and a range of grammatical features appropriate for the text type.
- discuss features and language choices in texts written to meet a range of purposes
- self-edit and refine written work independently to meet requirements of NCEA English Level 2.

Topics of study include: Social Issues, Immigration, Culture, NZ History, Current Affairs, Race Relations, Freedom Fighters and Urbanization.

Text types studied: Recounts, Narratives, Feature Articles, Persuasive Texts, Discussions, Dramas and Interviews.

Teacher contacts: Ms Chartres and Ms Skelton