



EALD



English as an Additional Language/ Dialect

Term 1 2023

Dear parents/caregivers

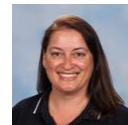
The EALD program at Mawson Lakes School supports students who speak or identify with another language or dialect that is not Standard Australian English.

The EALD team that will be working with your child this year are:

Tania Balales (Monday - Thursday)



Michelle Gleave (Tuesday, Thursday, Friday)



Marg Oxford (Tuesday-Thursday)



We support EALD students in a variety of ways. This may be in the student's main classroom, small group situations or individual support.

In this time, students will work with us to develop their spelling, reading, writing, Maths and English language skills. We are also able to support the social and emotional wellbeing of students with a first language other than Standard Australian English, including those transitioning from an IELP (Intensive English Language Program).

We are looking forward to meeting you and working with your child. Please feel free to contact us at school on 82601681

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EAL/D English as an additional language or dialect

I am gifted but I have difficulty sharing my ideas | I speak French and Arabic | I can speak English but I cannot write English | Sometimes I couldn't get to school | I need help to understand and speak English with my new friends | My disability makes it even harder to learn English | I have been to school in four different countries | I was top of my class before I came to Australia

EAL/D students need targeted, systematic and explicit instruction based on their language needs and prior learning

The ACARA EAL/D Learning Progression identifies four phases of English language learning:

- Beginning English
- Emerging English
- Developing English
- Consolidating English

Approximately one in four students in Australia has English as a second or additional language/ dialect

EAL/D students can and do achieve at the same level as their English speaking peers

EAL/D learners can enter Australian schools at any age and at any time of the year