



## English as an Additional Language (EAL)

### The EAL support program – teaching and learning for students learning English as an Additional Language (EAL)

Our English as an Additional Language (EAL) program supports students from all backgrounds with a language other than English. The program is offered throughout the school, from Foundation to Year 6. Roberts McCubbin offers a specialist EAL program that is designed to reflect the needs of each individual learner.

An EAL student is generally considered to be one who:

- Is a new arrival, who does not speak English at their time of arrival in Australia
- Is learning English as a second or additional language
- Is not as proficient in English as a student of the same age who has been learning only English
- Needs assistance in classroom activities because of their stage of English language development

To make progress and to achieve the same level of educational success as other students, EAL students must develop literacy in English by:

- Learning to speak English
- Learning to read and write English
- Continuing their learning in all learning areas through English, at the same time as they are learning English
- Learning about Australian school system by receiving appropriate support with their learning

Emphasis is placed on the development of speaking and listening – including vocabulary and correct usage, reading and writing. The EAL teacher uses the English as an Additional Language Developmental Continuum, which provides a framework for assessing students' achievements and developing effective learning programs to meet the needs of each individual learner. EAL students will spend most of their time in mainstream classroom, and Roberts McCubbin Primary School is committed to ensuring that classroom teachers understand the needs of each EAL learner.