

# EL SIS ENGLISH LANGUAGE SCHOOL IN SYDNEY

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The English Language School In Sydney has been teaching English to students from all parts of the world including South East Asia, South America and Europe. Students are attracted to the School's friendly atmosphere, great location and excellent facilities. ELSIS prides itself on being a boutique school with a welcoming atmosphere that is both supportive and encouraging.

## Welcome to ELSIS, Sydney



Sydney is one of the world's most beautiful cities with a dazzling harbour, magnificent beaches and a vibrant cultural life. The city offers a sophisticated, culturally rich environment in a relaxed setting which is clean and safe.

"It is with the greatest pleasure that I introduce you to ELSIS. Our mix of nationalities makes it a vibrant place to study and learn English and with such a great mix our students learn very quickly. Our teachers and administration staff are well qualified and ready to help you with questions you may have. We also have a job club and many social activities.

So, whatever brings you to ELSIS, there is something for everyone. You will make great friends as well as learning English in our wonderful city.

I look forward to seeing you to welcome you personally to ELSIS."



Cherie Soto,  
Director of Studies

"An international studios and friendly place and people, a great experience for me." (Emilie Subrin, France)

"I can't forget my special teachers and classmates" (Jaehee Kim, South Korea)

### The School

ELSIS is fully accredited by Australia's National ELICOS Accreditation Scheme (NEAS) and is a member of the highly respected Australia Council of Private Education and Training (ACPET) Association. Classrooms at ELSIS are, air-conditioned, spacious and well appointed. On-campus facilities include:

- A state-of-the-art computer lounge area and student common area with free internet access
- A self-access centre equipped with audio, print and video materials
- A student kitchen and lunch area

### The Staff

ELSIS teachers are all university qualified and highly experienced native English speakers. They are caring and professional and fully dedicated to their student's progress and welfare.

### Student Nationality Mix

All students benefit from studying in a school with a good mix of nationalities. At ELSIS we work hard to maintain our reputation for a great nationality mix.



"I loved it at ELSIS! I loved my teachers, and I had the chance to make so many new great friends from all over the world"

(Michele, Brazil)

"They found me a great job and that helped me a lot to improve my English" (Mario, Colombia)

### GENERAL INTENSIVE ENGLISH – weekly intake

This program focuses on improving general communication skills in English for use in the real world. Classes integrate pronunciation, speaking and listening skills for everyday living and travelling in English-speaking countries. Writing and reading studies are also undertaken.

Levels range from Beginners to Advanced. Course books are used for structure and require a deposit. Modules last for one week and students are graded at the end of each five-week period. There are both morning and afternoon classes.

### EXAMINATION PREPARATION

#### IELTS examination preparation - 12 weeks

IELTS examination preparation classes are held every twelve (12) weeks. These courses prepare students for both the General and Academic IELTS examinations. Students need to be level 4 (Intermediate level) to participate in the IELTS classes.

Skills include:

- Academic writing, reading, listening, note taking and speaking
- Study skills
- IELTS exam preparation and practice test.

#### Key Facts: General English

- course length: 4 – 48 weeks
- total hours per week: 20 hours face to face teaching
- average class size: 15
- minimum age: 16
- start any Monday
- morning and evening classes are available

#### Key Facts: IELTS examination preparation course – morning and evening class

- course length: 12 weeks
- total hours per week: 20 hours face to face teaching
- average class size: 15
- minimum age: 16
- placement test on premises/level 4 for ELSIS students:/ IELTS 5.0, TOEFL 450 equivalent
- start any Monday

### Learning Outcomes

Students who undertake the full 12 weeks of the course will have:

- knowledge of test-taking techniques specific to FCE
- knowledge of text types, eg. formal and informal letters, narratives, reports and articles
- improved listening skills
- improved reading skills for a variety of genres
- improved speaking skills
- a greater awareness of word families and word formation
- the ability to analyse texts grammatically and to transform sentences so as to express the same meaning in a different form
- development of speaking fluency and accuracy

Students are assessed at regular intervals and are well prepared for the demands of academic studies.

### ENGLISH FOR ACADEMIC PURPOSES - EAP

The English Language School in Sydney (EL SIS) English for Academic Purposes (EAP) program is designed to prepare international students with the English necessary for success in Australian tertiary education. The course concentrates on those aspects of English which students will meet in colleges and universities, and develops these in the context of such areas as IT and business.

“Everyday I am able to clearly see the amazing impact that ELSIS has on its student population in regards to their personal and educational development.

EL SIS is a fun and dynamic teaching and learning environment, and I feel passionate about teaching in such a professional and widely recognized college”

(Kerstin - teacher)

#### Key facts: English for Academic Purposes – EAP

- course length: 12 weeks
- total hours per week: 20 hours face to face teaching
- average class size: 15
- minimum age: 16
- fixed start dates

### Learning Outcomes

Students who undertake the full course will gain:

- an understanding of the examination's structure
- strategies to do the exam: timing, organisation, etc.
- competency in the four exam skills
- a better understanding of grammar, vocabulary, functions, register and discourse
- the main vocabulary used in the examination's themes
- development of speaking fluency and accuracy

Students are assessed at regular intervals and are well prepared for the demands of academic studies.

### Cambridge Examination Preparation - 12 weeks

This course prepares Intermediate Level students and above for the following international examinations.

- Preliminary English Test (PET)
- First Certificate in English (FCE)
- Certificate of Advanced English (CAE)
- Proficiency in English (CPE)

### FCE – First Certificate in English

- is an intermediate level exam course. It is divided into writing, reading, use of English, listening and speaking sections. It is ideal for students who need to be able to communicate confidently in English in most situations. FCE is one of the most widely recognized English language qualifications by employers and educational institutions around the world.

Prior to enrolling in any of these programs, students are required to take a Cambridge placement test.

#### Key Facts: IELTS examination preparation course – part-time evening class

- course length: minimum 4 weeks
- total hours per week: 6 hours face to face teaching
- average class size: 15
- minimum age: 16
- placement test on premises/level 4 for ELSIS students:/ IELTS 5.0, TOEFL 450 equivalent
- start any Monday
- available on Monday and Wednesday between 6pm-9pm

#### Key Facts: Cambridge examination preparation

- course length: 12 weeks
- total hours per week: 20 hours face to face teaching
- average class size: 15
- minimum age: 16
- fixed start dates

Students will be exposed to teaching methodologies currently in use in Australia which may be different from those that they are familiar with in their home education system. With a strong research and project focus, the course aims to develop students' English language skills within the Australian cultural context.

- EAP 1 is for colleges
- EAP 2 is for undergraduates
- EAP 3 is for graduates

Students who complete the course successfully will be able to enter a variety of courses offered by universities and other institutions without having to sit an IELTS test.

### Learning Outcomes

- writing a critical review
- writing an essay based on research
- writing a report
- writing a case-study analysis
- delivering oral presentations
- participating in tutorial discussions
- note-taking in lectures
- preparing for examinations

### BUSINESS ENGLISH CERTIFICATE

The Cambridge Business English Certificate offers an internationally recognized qualification in English for business purposes.

The ELSIS 12-week preparation course for BEC is designed to provide students with all the skills they need to do well in the exam.

BEC opens the door to better career prospects and a better future.

Note: This course is designed for intermediate level students and upwards.

### Note:

- Prior to the above courses students are asked to take placement tests.
- Courses run at specific times of the year and students must begin on start dates. So it is necessary to check with your agent or the school to see if and when the course will begin

“I tried Australian wine at the ELSIS party, and practiced a lot of English too!” (Sabrina, Brazil)

English

ELSIS is renowned for the quality of its Student Services. Caring for our students is a top priority.

## Student Services Counsellor

ELSIS has a Student Services Counsellor to ensure from the moment you arrive in Australia all your personal needs and welfare are attended to.

## Airport Pick-up

If you choose this service an ELSIS representative will meet you at the Airport and transfer you to your selected accommodation. If preferred you can arrange your own transportation using the local train, bus or taxi services.

## Accommodation

ELSIS offers a range of accommodation from hostel to self-contained units. Our most popular style of budget accommodation is homestay, where you have the opportunity to practise your English with an Australian family at home as well as study English at the School. This gives you a great opportunity to learn first hand about the Australian way of life and to establish new friendships. Homestay usually includes a single furnished room, breakfast and dinner on week-days and three meals on the weekends.

## Social Activities

While you are studying at ELSIS you will have many opportunities to socialise with other students in regular activities organised by the 'Social Club' after school or full-day excursion on weekends. Activities include social and sporting activities and sightseeing tours to major attractions such as The Sydney Harbour Bridge, Opera House, Sydney Tower, Manly and Bondi beaches and the Blue Mountains or Hunter Valley.

## Your First Day

On your first day you will be assessed and placed in a class according to your level. You will also receive an orientation to the School and to Sydney. You will meet students from all over the world and share a common language – English.

## How to Enrol at ELSIS

1. Complete the enrolment form and send it to ELSIS or to your local ELSIS representative.
2. ELSIS will forward you an invoice and Letter of Acceptance.
3. Upon receipt of fees ELSIS will forward you a Confirmation of Enrolment where appropriate.
4. The Confirmation of Enrolment is required if you intend to apply for a student visa. Please remember that it may take 4-6 weeks to process your visa.
5. If you have requested homestay accommodation, please provide your flight arrival details at least 4 weeks before you leave for Australia.

## ELSIS PACKAGES:

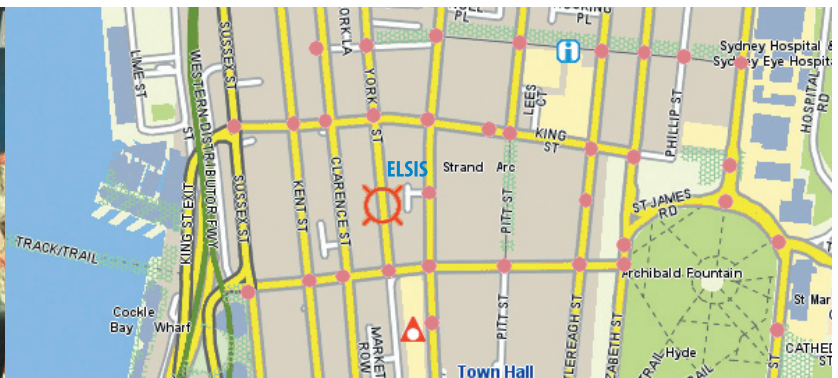
- English + Nursing
- English + Hospitality
- English + IT
- English + Business

## The School's Location

ELSIS is located in the heart of the shopping and entertainment precinct of downtown Sydney:

- 2 minutes walk from Town Hall and Wynyard stations
- 2 minutes walk from the Queen Victoria Building and major shopping centres
- 5 minutes walk from Circular Quay and the Sydney Harbour Bridge
- 5 minutes walk to Darling Harbour, cinema and nightclub precincts
- 15 minutes by Jetcat to beautiful Manly beach or 30 minutes by bus to Bondi Beach

You can choose homestay accommodation close to the beach or in the suburbs close to the city. Hostel accommodation is also available in the city or by the beach. Study and have fun in the city and live by the beach!



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