

Language at Immanuel Gawler

The key goals of the language program at Immanuel Gawler are to develop in students:

- An ability to speak, listen, view, present, read and write confidently in a range of contexts
- An understanding of how language works, including the language features and structures of Australian English
- An appreciation of other languages and cultures
- A knowledge and appreciation of different forms and styles of literature and how it is used to make sense of the world
- An ability to effectively read, view, listen, speak, write and create

English learning at Immanuel Gawler involves:

- Development of oral language (speaking and listening) skills
- Building an understanding of phonological awareness (identifying sounds in language) and phonics (connections between letters and sounds)
- Building reading skills of fluency, vocabulary and comprehension
- Developing understanding of how writing is structured (including grammar, spelling and different writing forms) and how written expression is used effectively
- Creating, sharing and appreciating different texts

Students with language learning difficulties are supported by:

- In class differentiation, where teachers modify tasks or provide support as required
- Additional support from teacher aides in class or in small groups
- Participation in specific language and literacy programs with teacher aides or the Learning Support Coordinator
- Targeted intervention through development of a Personal Learning Plan (PLP) or Individual Needs Summary (INS)

Immanuel Gawler values learning of additional languages and learning about other cultures. This includes:

- Providing support to students with a language background other than English and providing opportunities for them to appreciate and share their home language and culture
- Providing opportunities for learning additional languages through our LOTE (Languages Other Than English) program, including our focus language of Indonesian
- Providing opportunities for learning about other cultures through units of inquiry and through the LOTE program

To see our full language policy, please go to our website: <u>http://www.ilsg.sa.edu.au/curriculum/ib-program</u>