



ADELAIDE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

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From the Principal



Dear Students, Staff, Parents/Guardians and members of our school community,

Secondary English For Academic Purposes (EAP) - SACE CONNECT

Adelaide International School students come to us because we offer a research-based intensive English Language proficiency course, with embedded SACE credit opportunities, taught by experienced English as an Additional Language (EAL) teachers.

Ms Rosie Broderick is the Manager of the Adelaide Independent Schools Alliance (AISA). Ms Broderick is an experienced teacher of domestic and international students, and an exceptional school leader. She works closely with overseas families and our partner schools to support each child to move into their chosen AISA mainstream school here in Adelaide.

Ms Maliza Huang, our EAP Home Class teacher and SACE teacher in EAL, continues to provide outstanding teaching and wellbeing support to her students. Ms Sally Xu teaches these students the SACE Personal Learning Plan course, and Ms Jing Liu teaches the EAP Mathematics course.

Our English language proficiency courses here in Adelaide are unique; our students graduate from Adelaide International School with strong English language skills ready to complete their SACE in their

destination school, as well as confidently experiencing a dynamic, rich South Australian non-government school. Our carefully crafted learning opportunities, plus a head start with up to 50 SACE credits when they complete 20 weeks of this course with us, sets us apart from other intensive English language schools. Congratulations to all of our dedicated students and staff. I am so proud of you all and thank you for working as a team to achieve this high standard.

Don't hesitate to contact me if I can support you or your family on: gina.kadis@ais.edu.au

Yours sincerely,
Ms Gina Kadis
PRINCIPAL

From the Director of Teaching and Learning



Showcasing Student Learning

In their SACE Stage 2 EAL, the Year 12 students have been reading short stories. The short stories are autobiographies written by young people who have been new arrivals to Australia. Our students have been learning about the value of continuing to learn their first language while living in a different country. This task was designed to get students thinking about their language learning journey; the power of language to help us to grow, learn and live; new ideas; and consider how language and culture are inextricably linked. Students were also challenged to present their ideas in either a transcript of a conversation, or to write a short autobiography themselves. Different students made different choices and overall, this task was very well done by everyone. I am very proud of the students. I wish to showcase one student's work here:

Transcript by Year 12 Student, Veronica Setya Ayu Handoyo

Scene Setting

The scene is at home. It is in the evening which is not really dark but warm. The little sister is sitting down alone on the family room's sofa and she looks unhappy while watching a film on television. The conditions around the family room are very quiet and the audience can only hear the sound from the television. The older sister just returns from school and she sees her little sister looking unhappy. The older sister puts her bag on the study chair and then approaches her sister on the sofa. Then, both started a conversation about the reason why the little sister looks sad. The little sister wants to join a football club in her school, but their mum says that football is a sport for men. The little sister complains about their mother. The older sister answers the little sister's complaints about their mother and comforts her little sister.

Transcript

In the family room (in the evening)

Older sister: *[Curious face]* Hey, what's wrong with you sis? Why do you look so sad?

Little sister: *[Unhappy/sad expression]* Hufft, I want to join the football club at my school.

Older sister: Then just do it, you can join the football club.

Little sister: You wouldn't believe it, but mum doesn't allow me to join the football club.

Older sister: *[Shocked face]* Wait what? What was the reason?

Little sister: Mum said that football is a sport for boys and because I am a girl, mum thinks that I wouldn't have the ability to play football.

Older sister: *[Laugh]* Hahaha, why does mum think like that? It is really weird. I think we should discuss this with mum, but in my opinion, you can still join the football club as long as you enjoy it.

Little sister: Really?? Aww, you're the best sister in this world, I love you!

Older sister: *[Laughing]* Ugh you're too cheesy! But for real, both girls and boys can do sport whatever they like. We should teach mum about equal opportunity, gender stereotypes, the language of equity and equality!

Little sister: I know right!! It's 2022 but some people still do not understand the word gender stereotypes.

Older sister: Exactly, because people in the past thought that women could only clean the house and couldn't do what they wanted. But in this day, society's thinking has changed and finally, women can also get the right to give opinions and choose what they want.

Little sister: Yeah, I wonder why mum still thinks like people in the past.

Older sister: *[Laugh]* Maybe because she's outdated and the word gender equality is also new for her? We rarely learn about this in the Indonesian language, we know this as kesetaraan gender.

Little sister: *[Laugh]* Stop it, you must help me to talk about this to mum!

Older sister: Of course, I will help you! We should try to explain those new ideas to mum.

Little sister: *[Hug her sister]* Thank you so much!

Older sister: Hey, no worries at all, I will always support you as long as you're doing the right thing!

REMINDER:

Friday 3 June – Year 11 Study Day & upcoming examinations

Our Year 11 students are currently preparing for their mid-year examinations. This is the first time the Year 11 students will experience a SACE style exam. The following students taking these subjects at AIS will undertake Year 11 examinations:

- Stage 1 SACE English as an Additional Language (EAL)
- Stage 1 SACE Mathematics – for Specialist Maths
- Stage 1 SACE Mathematics – for Mathematical Methods

All Year 11 examinations at Adelaide International School are 1 ½ hours in duration.

AIS will not teach classes on FRIDAY of Week 5 – THIS FRIDAY 3rd June. This is a study day. Students do not need to come to school on this day. On Friday, students do need to study hard for their 3 examinations.

Students must have their notes sheets ready for their Mathematics exams – as explained by their subject teachers. Teachers will check note sheets prior to commencement of examinations. Please ensure all guidelines explained are followed carefully. Check with your mathematics teacher as needed before your study day.

Students are not allowed to have note sheets for the EAL examination. Students can use a dictionary in the EAL exam.

Year 11 Examination Timetable

Tuesday	Mathematics - for Specialist Maths	2 hours Beginning at 9:30am ACST	Online and Onsite
Wednesday	Mathematics - for Mathematical Methods	2 hours Beginning at 1:15pm ACST	Online and Onsite
Thursday	English as an Additional Language (EAL)	2 hours Beginning at 1:15pm ACST	Online and Onsite

Thank you for supporting your child to do their best in these important assessments.

Ms Zara Phillips,
Director of Teaching and Learning

COVID-19 Update

In line with recent changes implemented by authorities, please be aware that it is no longer mandatory to wear a mask at Adelaide International School. We encourage the wearing of masks where social distancing is not possible. We request that all students with flu like symptoms please stay home until they are well enough to fully participate in their lessons. Parents/guardians must notify the school of any absences – please contact Catherine So on: catherine.so@aeg.edu.au.

Free Flu Vaccine in South Australia

Please note that authorities have introduced free flu vaccines for all South Australians – effective immediately. You are welcome to go to your local chemist or doctor and have this administered. If any family or student wishes our school to support them with this please email our Education Support Officer, Mrs Kitty Shao, on kitty.shao@aeg.edu.au to authorise permission.



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