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EAL PROGRAMME

English as an Additional Language




English as an Additional Language (EAL) Programme

At The Perse School Singapore, we are dedicated to helping students from diverse backgrounds develop strong English language skills through our structured, multi-tiered EAL Programme.


Whether a student is a beginner or developing fluency, our support is tailored to individual needs and progress.

Benefits of the EAL Programme at The Perse School (Singapore)




Tailored Language Support

Individualised instruction through specialist sessions and in-class assistance ensures students receive the support they need to build their English proficiency.




Holistic Skill Development

Emphasis on listening, speaking, reading, and writing ensures students develop all-round communication skills.




Access to Full Curriculum

Integrated with mainstream classes, ensuring language learners thrive in the English rich environment.




After-school Support

After school EAL CCA, twice per week for EAL intensive support.




Blended & Tech-Enhanced Learning

Use of AI-powered tools, interactive grammar and vocabulary modules, and collaborative online projects enhance engagement and reinforce learning.



Social Integration

We support students in building friendships and feeling culturally at home. In class, we guide them to collaborate and connect with others. At the same time, we foster curiosity and openness through international perspectives.



Smooth Transition to Mainstream Learning

Continuous assessment ensures that students graduate from the programme when ready to thrive independently in mainstream classes.



Our EAL programme is designed to equip students with the English skills they need to confidently engage with the curriculum. To ensure targeted support without disrupting core academic learning, students are usually withdrawn from non-essential subjects such as Foreign Languages. For learners at lower proficiency levels, some withdrawal from English lessons is also necessary to build strong foundational literacy.

We prioritise maintaining participation in co-curricular subjects like Music, PE, and Art, as these play an important role in social integration and emotional wellbeing. EAL withdrawal is always a temporary, tailored arrangement as students grow more proficient, they gradually reintegrate into mainstream classes.

Our three-tiered structure ensures every learner receives the right support

Support Level	EAL Intensive+ (Year 2-7)	EAL Intensive (Year 2-9)	EAL Basic (Year 1-9)
EAL Specialist Sessions	7-8 per week	4-5 per week	1-3 per week
In-Class Support & TA Support Programme	Support provided during core subjects based on the requirement	Support provided during core subjects based on the requirement	Differentiation by subject teachers, as needed
Blended Learning (2 hrs)	Interactive grammar/vocab modules AI speaking tools Listening tasks	Flipped lessons AI writing feedback Collaborative online projects	Self-paced learning modules Peer discussions Personalized reading tasks
After-School Support	2x per week (Speaking & Listening, Survival English, Social Integration)	Not applicable	Not applicable
Teacher Consultation	Not applicable	Not applicable	On request/need based
Total Hours of Support	12-14 hours/week	9-10 hours/week	2-3 hours/week
Fees (excluding GST)	S\$12,000	S\$9,000	Year 1 : S\$4,500 Year 2-9 : S\$7,000

* EAL support provided at each stage will be calibrated based on the child's individual needs and continuously adjusted based on ongoing progress monitoring.

FAQ

Who is eligible for the EAL Programme ?

The EAL Programme at Perse is designed for students from Year 1 to Year 9 whose first language is not English and who require additional support to access the curriculum. Eligibility is determined through an initial assessment of each student's English language proficiency to ensure they are placed in the most appropriate support level:

EAL Intensive+, EAL Intensive, or EAL Basic.

How is a student's EAL support level determined?

Upon application, students undergo a comprehensive English proficiency assessment. This includes a combination of:

- EAL assessment tests
- Review of previous school reports
- Interviews

Based on this evaluation, the academic team recommends the suitable EAL support tier aligned with the student's individual needs.

Are EAL classes integrated with the main academic programme?

Yes. EAL students are fully integrated into mainstream classes, with tailored in-class support provided by EAL specialists and teaching assistants. This ensures students develop both subject-specific knowledge and language skills in a collaborative environment, without being isolated from peers.

For higher-need students in EAL Intensive+, additional pull-out support is provided alongside daily immersion in the main curriculum.

What are the different levels of the EAL Programme?

Fees vary depending on the level of support.

EAL Basic: S\$4,500–S\$7,000 (excl. GST)

EAL Intensive: S\$9,000 (excl. GST)

EAL Intensive+: S\$12,000 (excl. GST)

Can students join the EAL Programme mid-year?

Yes, students can join the EAL Programme midway through the academic year, subject to assessment and availability. The programme is flexible and designed to support new joiners, particularly those relocating to Singapore. An exception may apply for the Intensive+ level.

How is progress monitored?

Progress of each student is measured through:

- Continuous classroom observation
- Written work, speaking/listening tasks, and reading assessments
- Periodic reviews by EAL specialists in collaboration with subject teachers

Parents receive regular updates and will be invited for meetings to discuss the student's development.

When are students withdrawn from lessons for EAL support, and why?

Our goal is to support students in developing the English skills they need to fully access the curriculum. Foreign Language classes are typically the first choice for withdrawal, as they are not essential for immediate academic access and allow us to provide focused support without affecting core subjects. For students at lower proficiency levels (Intensive and Intensive Plus), some withdrawal from English lessons is also necessary to build foundational literacy skills.

When and how do students exit the EAL Programme?

Students transition out of the EAL Programme once they demonstrate sufficient language proficiency and confidence to fully access the mainstream curriculum independently. This is determined through:

- Benchmark assessments
- Feedback from subject teachers
- EAL team evaluations

The transition is gradual and closely monitored to ensure academic success.



Meet the EAL Team

We are excited to introduce our dedicated English as an Additional Language (EAL) team, here to support your child's language development and ensure they thrive in our multilingual and multicultural environment.



Barkha Vahi - EAL Lead Teacher

Barkha is a highly experienced and Delta-qualified English language professional with over 15 years of experience in EAL teaching and academic management.

Before joining The Perse School, she held academic management roles at the British Council in both Vietnam and Singapore, where she led teacher development programmes, managed large teaching teams, and supported the successful delivery of English across Early Years to Secondary levels. As EAL Lead Teacher, Barkha oversees the planning and implementation of our EAL provision, working closely with students, families, and teachers to ensure personalized language support and academic success for every learner.



Emily Trevitt - English Subject Lead


Emily Trevitt is a dedicated and passionate teacher with over 17 years of experience, previously working at a range of schools in the United Kingdom.

Emily's educational background includes a Master's degree in Classical Studies from the University of St Andrews and a PGCE in Primary Education from Newcastle University. She continues to pursue professional development, with recent training as an AQA examiner as well as courses in child psychology and reading development, ensuring she remains at the forefront of educational best practices.

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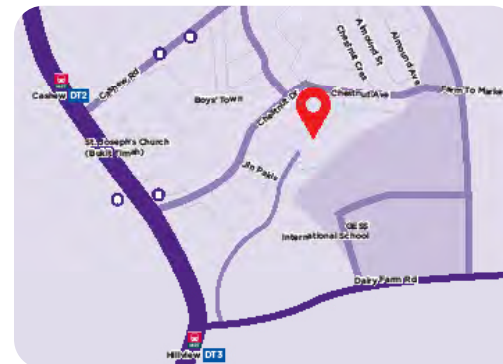
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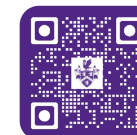
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