

# ACCESS

LANGUAGE CENTRE



# WELCOME

## TO ACCESS

Access Language Centre is one of Sydney's most innovative and dynamic language centres. Founded in 1997, Access Language Centre prides itself on offering quality programs designed to meet the varied needs of our students. Our course content and teaching methods are based on the latest theories in teaching English to speakers of other languages. A strong command of the English language is an invaluable tool in today's international climate. Whether your ambition is to improve your conversational skills, attain a certain level of proficiency, prepare for a particular examination, gain entry into a university or college, or gain work experience, you will find a program at Access Language Centre to suit you.

Whether your stay with us is short or long term, our mission is to ensure your time in Sydney is a memorable one. Our priority is your success, your safety and your return home with great achievements. Students at Access Language Centre come from over 50 countries worldwide, providing students with the opportunity to make new, often lifelong friendships, and to experience the sharing of cultural diversity. It also brings us pride and pleasure that many of our students have been referred to us by their friends or relatives who previously studied at Access Language Centre in Sydney.

We look forward to welcoming you to Access Language Centre and to Sydney, one of the most beautiful cities in the world.

### **The Access Language Centre, Sydney Team**

#### **Proudly Accredited by:**





# WHY STUDY

## AT ACCESS

# 1

### Perfect Environment for Success & Cosmopolitan Atmosphere

Your success is our priority. In order to

succeed, you need a comfortable environment, friendly and supportive staff, personal attention, constant challenge and stimulation in your studies and a dynamic atmosphere. It is our commitment to you to provide all this and more. One of the most exciting aspects of a language course at Access Language Centre is the wonderful cosmopolitan environment. Students from more than 50 different countries choose Access Language Centre for their language course in Sydney each year. Many return home having formed valuable friendships with other students from countries worldwide.

# 2

### Industry Experience & Effective Teaching Methodology

Our extensive experience in the area of teaching English to speakers

of other languages provides you with peace of mind that you are in the hands of specialists. With experience comes improvement and innovation, two of the most important factors behind our success over the years. Your teachers will spend some time with you at the beginning of each term finding out your goals and your individual needs, strengths and weaknesses. Each program is carefully adapted according to the needs of the group of students in that program and their learning styles. At Access Language Centre, we use a large variety of resources and a range of activities to ensure that your interest and motivation levels are consistently high. Our aim is for you to improve your proficiency and achieve your goals quickly and effectively.

# 3

### Flexible Study Options

Access Language Centre offers a range of Super Intensive and Intensive English Language

Programs at all levels from Beginner to Advanced. Courses vary from 2 to 52 weeks. Our timetable is especially designed to allow you to work while you study in your English course. For those who are interested in sight seeing, the early finish of classes (12:50pm when studying in the Intensive English Language Program) allows you to spend the whole afternoon relaxing and enjoying Sydney. Students interested in reaping the benefits of a Super Intensive English Language Program can take full advantage of our 25-hour face-to-face teaching program. Alternatively, students can also enjoy the Intensive English Language Program in the evening from 4:30pm to 8:45pm.

# 4

### Variety of Courses & Work Experience Programs

Access Language Centre prides itself on offering

courses tailored to our students' needs. Whether you need English for social, business, academic or travel purposes, we will have the right course for you. We can also offer you the benefits of our associations with some of Australia's prestigious universities and business colleges through our direct entry program. Those of you interested in enhancing your career opportunities can also benefit from our excellent associations with some of Sydney's biggest companies, which provide our students with training and support through our innovative Internship program. Our exclusive Demi Pair program allows students to combine English classes with helping out an Australian family with childcare and light housework assistance.

**My experience at Access Language Centre was great. The level of education is very high, I've met lots of different people and I've enjoyed a lot during my time there. The teachers and the staff are really friendly, always trying to help the students with anything. Without a doubt, I would recommend this school to anyone!**

**ELENA**  
Spain



### **Excellent Student Services**

At Access Language Centre, our students are able to learn in

a supportive environment nurtured by specialist staff, many of whom have also worked and lived abroad. Our students are reassured in the knowledge that they will receive assistance with all aspects associated with studying in a foreign country, including accommodation, banking services, welfare and academic counselling, social and tourist activities, to name just a few. We offer a full range of accommodation options ranging from homestay to more independent living, as well as plenty of staff-supervised activities such as sporting activities, picnics and visits to local attractions.



### **Guarantee of Quality**

Access Language Centre has a variety of internal and external quality assurance mechanisms

in place. These mechanisms assist us in guaranteeing our students high standards of quality in all the programs and services we provide. Our internal quality assurance mechanisms include: monthly confidential course evaluation questionnaires, monthly confidential teacher evaluation questionnaires, a student suggestion box, ongoing informal feedback with senior and other staff, exit student questionnaires. We are also a member of external quality assurance organizations (NEAS, English Australia, IALC), which have set strict standards of quality that all members must adhere to. As a member of these organizations, Access Language Centre undergoes an annual external review of all programs and services offered in order to ensure that high standards are maintained.



### **Central Location & Great Facilities**

Access Language Centre is ideally located in a modern building in the

heart of Sydney; a few minutes walk from Sydney's Central Station and exciting city attractions, putting Sydney and all its wonders at your doorstep. Our facilities include 22 classrooms fully equipped with audiovisual resources, a study centre with a language laboratory, a student lunch area overlooking a large outdoor terrace, lounging & counseling areas and free Wi-Fi throughout the school.



### **Great Social Activities**

We believe that learning should be fun – and Sydney is full of exciting things to do and see.

Access Language Centre has a great social activities program, with weekly activities ranging from full day tours on the weekend to fun activities after class. We understand that your experience is enriched by the activities we offer and the service we provide, which is why we offer plenty of staff-supervised activities such as sporting activities, picnics and visits to local attractions. Whether you prefer to play outdoor sports or indoor games, to enjoy walks on the beach or visit our beautiful Sydney attractions, Access Language Centre offers it all for your pleasure.



# DISCOVER SYDNEY

## **The Harbour City**

Access Language Centre is very centrally located in inner Sydney where you can find most popular tourist attractions. In the centre of the city there is the historic waterside Rocks area, the place where Australia's earliest European settlers lived. The area offers many restaurants, bars, cafes and shops containing Australian souvenirs. Beside the Rocks is Sydney Harbour Bridge - climb to the top and get a bird's eye view of the city, including Circular Quay where ferries leave for stops all round the harbour, and the stunning Opera House, Australia's most famous building. A short stroll from the Opera House are the Botanic Gardens and the Art Gallery of NSW - both well worth a visit.

## **Outdoor Lifestyle**

Bondi, perhaps Sydney's best known beach with its white sand and sparkling blue waves, is only a 15 minute drive from Access Language Centre. But there are also many other beautiful beaches to visit that are not far away from Access Language Centre.

To the north, Palm Beach and Whale Beach offer great swimming and surfing, as does Manly Beach which can be reached by taking an inexpensive scenic ferry ride from Circular Quay. South of Bondi are Bronte, Coogee and Cronulla Beaches - each with its own special character.

## **Time for Fun**

Life isn't all outdoors in Sydney - there is also a very vibrant cultural scene, including regular art festivals that attract performers from all over the world. Staff at Access Language Centre will give you all the information about what's on and where to go. Try to catch some traditional Australian Aboriginal dance performances and see Aboriginal art in the Art Gallery of NSW. During summer, there are many free concerts of opera and classical music held outside under the stars. For those who like the latest in music, from rock to techno and jazz, there are numerous night clubs with live bands. Many of these are in areas only minutes away from Access Language Centre.



OUR

# FACILITIES

**Access Language Centre is ideally located in a modern, heritage listed building in the heart of Sydney; a few minutes walk from Sydney's Central Station and exciting city attractions, putting Sydney and all its wonders at your doorstep. Spread over three levels, the premises feature:**

- 22 spacious, sunlit and air-conditioned classrooms fully equipped with audiovisual resources.
- A Study Centre that offers computers equipped with Internet, language learning software, books on various areas of interest, newspapers, journals and magazines.
- A Language Laboratory that allows you to improve your listening and pronunciation skills.
- DVD/video-watching facilities.
- A student lunch area complete with kitchen, microwaves, fridge, snack/soda/coffee machines.
- A large terrace balcony for those of you who would like to enjoy the beautiful Sydney weather.
- Lounge areas for relaxing between classes.
- Counseling area with academic and social information.
- Free wireless Internet (Wi-Fi) throughout the school.

I really enjoyed the time I spent here, I found the teachers and staff very helpful and friendly. The facilities are modern, clean, tidy and comfortable, and the resources (such as the computers) were useful for my learning. The school is located very close to the train station and the city, which made it easy to get around. The staff really looked after me and made me feel very welcome, I would definitely recommend Access Language Centre to future students!

**SEBASTIAN**  
Colombia





OUR

# PEOPLE

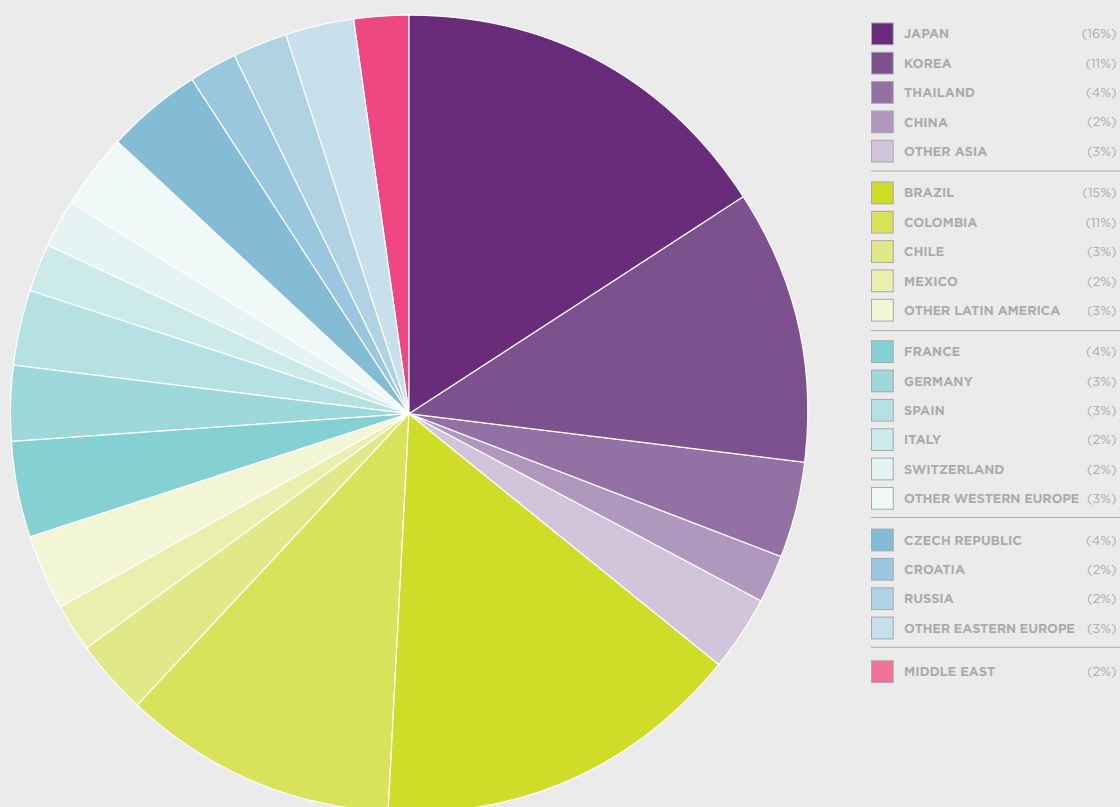
## Professional Teaching Team

The key persons influencing your success in the program you choose will be your teachers. All our teachers are university graduates with specialist qualifications and experience in teaching English as a foreign or second language (TEFL/ TESOL). We have chosen them carefully not only for their professional skills, but also for their friendly, supportive and motivating approach. Many of our teachers also speak a foreign language and have lived in a foreign country. They are, therefore, more capable of understanding your needs as a language learner and the difficulties you may face living away from home.

## Student Diversity

Our students always tell us that one of the most rewarding aspects of studying at Access Language Centre is the diversity of the student body and the opportunity to make friends from all around the world and discover new cultures. Students at Access Language Centre come from over 50 countries worldwide, providing students with the opportunity to make new, often lifelong friendships, and to experience the sharing of cultural diversity. Our students come from all parts of Europe, Latin America and Asia, what a wonderful way to meet new people!

### Nationality Mix:





# STUDENT SERVICES

## **Academic and Welfare Counselling**

Our staff is friendly and approachable and always readily available to assist students with whatever they need. We consider it our mission to help you in every way – not just with the basics or by organizing fun and games, but also to be there to assist you when any difficulties arise. We understand that life in a new country can be confusing at times and this is why we have specialist counsellors who are always available to help students with any problems or questions about things such as visa information, medical insurance, getting around Sydney and travelling Australia. We can also help you with study information on universities, TAFE and other colleges etc. Our staff will also provide you with support and advice on any matter relating to your welfare. Every question is important to us.

## **Homestay Accommodation**

Access Language Centre organizes Homestay accommodation for students where they can get to know the Australian way of life by living in a household in Australia during the course of their studies. We carefully select all Homestay families so the students are in a relaxed and comfortable environment where they can practice the English they are learning on a daily basis. Homestay allows international students to learn about our Australian lifestyle and culture in a safe and friendly environment. Living with a family in Sydney is also an excellent way to improve your English whilst making lifelong friends.

## **Independent Accommodation (Hostel/Guesthouse/Residence)**

This type of accommodation provides students with an independent living space and an environment to settle in and make new friends from all over the world. All independent accommodation options are in close proximity to Access Language Centre and have a homely feel. They are all secure buildings with an onsite manager. A few rooms have an ensuite bathroom, but most rooms are with shared bathroom facilities. Bedrooms contain a comfortable bed, a study desk, wardrobe space, and a TV (depending on the type chosen). Guests have access to the shared kitchen to prepare their meals. The common areas (TV room, courtyard, BBQ area) are available for students to use freely and socialise. Access to the Internet is readily available and coin operated laundry facilities are also available on site.

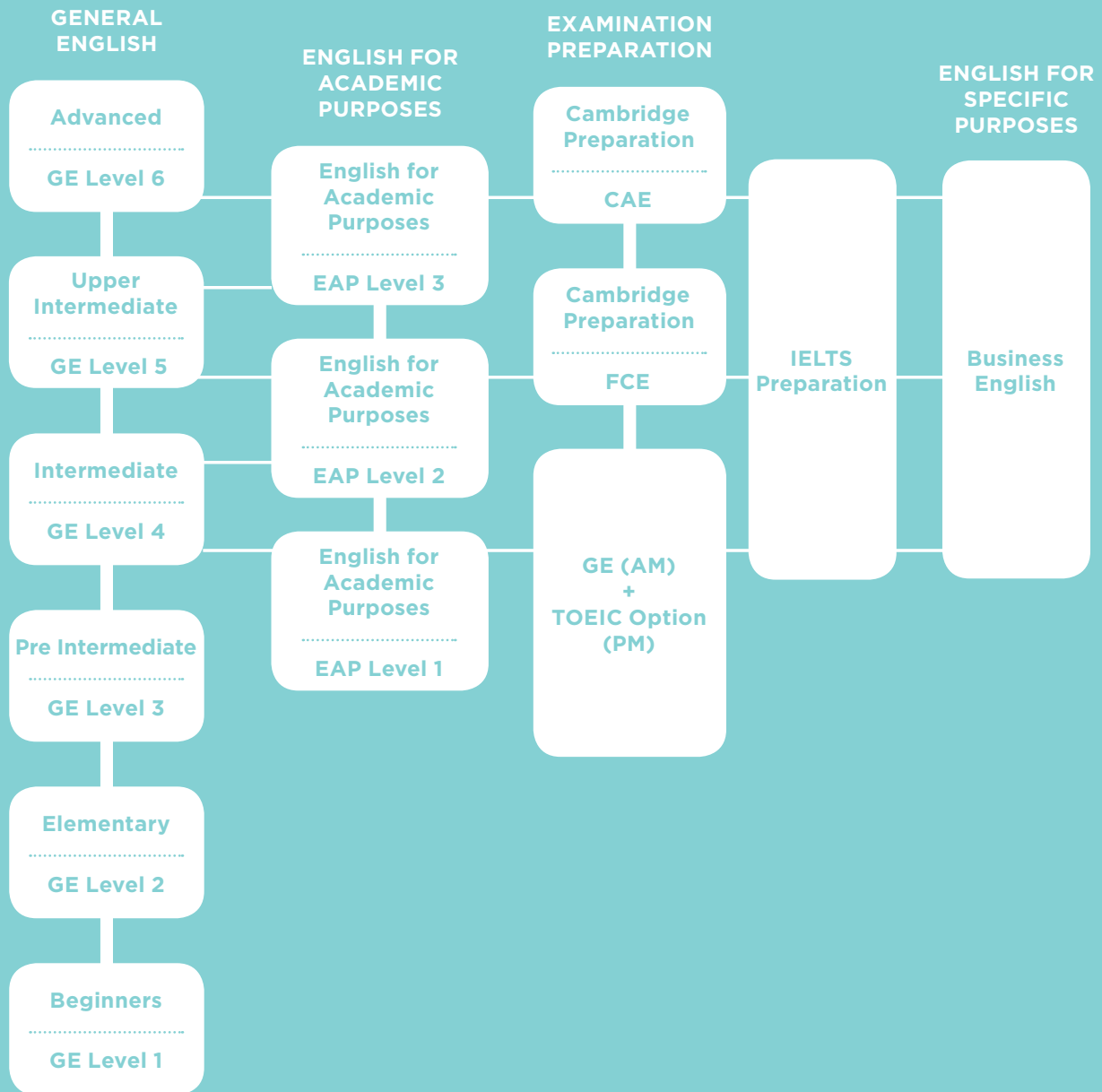
## **Airport Meeting Service**

If you prefer to be met by a big welcoming smile, we are happy to arrange for someone to meet you at the airport and take you to your accommodation on your arrival to Sydney.

I found the student services of excellent quality and while I stayed in a lot of different places during my time in Sydney, the accommodation that impressed me the most was my homestay family, where I lived with native speakers and learned so much about the Australian culture and the English language in general. Thanks for everything!



# OUR COURSES



## Academic English Entry/Exit Points:

Course	Entry Point Level	Exit Point Level
Academic English level 4 (EAP 4)	Advanced / IELTS 6.0	IELTS 6.5
Academic English level 3 (EAP 3)	Upper Intermediate / IELTS 5.5	Advanced / IELTS 6.0
Academic English level 2 (EAP 2)	Intermediate / IELTS 5.0	Upper Intermediate / IELTS 5.5
Academic English level 1 (EAP 1)	Pre Intermediate / IELTS < 4.5	Intermediate / IELTS 5.0

## COURSES

### General English

Do you need English for travel or to improve your social conversational skills? Did you learn a lot of grammar in your country but you feel you cannot speak? If you answered yes to the above questions, then this is the perfect course for you. At the lower levels of this course, there is more emphasis on speaking and listening skills. Students learn survival and practical English. This includes the language for shopping, banking, finding accommodation or a job and more. At the higher levels, there is more focus on idioms and slang in social conversations. Students learn to take part in discussions on a range of topics. They also learn to understand news, comedies and dramas, as there is heavy use of media at these levels. While there is a focus on communication, all levels of the General English syllabus are supported by work on grammar and vocabulary development. This course is offered at six levels from Beginner to Advanced. The course length is 2 to 52 weeks.

### IELTS Preparation

Are you an IELTS examination candidate planning to study at a business college, TAFE or University in Australia or in any other English speaking country? Do you need to provide evidence of proof of language proficiency to prospective employers or other organisations? Do you wish to improve your Academic English skills? This course prepares you thoroughly to achieve the score you need. You will focus in depth on each of the skills essential for successful completion of the IELTS examination: reading, writing, speaking, and listening. You will get ample opportunities for test practice and your progress is assessed on a monthly basis using tests prepared by ALC designed to provide you with an authentic test experience. The course is 4 to 36 weeks and is offered at Intermediate to Advanced levels.

### Academic English

Do you plan to study at a business college, TAFE or University – either in Australia or in another English speaking country? This course is specifically designed to prepare students for study at tertiary level. There is more emphasis in this course on reading and writing skills. There is also focus on understanding complex English grammar as it is used in sentence and paragraph, as well as in longer texts. This course will equip you to read and write complex texts, understand long lectures and talks, participate in discussions and give academic presentations. This course is offered at four levels from Pre-Intermediate to Advanced, from 2 to 52 weeks. The Academic English Course is the perfect course to prepare you for academic success.

### FCE/CAE Cambridge Preparation

The First Certificate in English (FCE) and the Certificate of Advanced English (CAE) course will improve your ability to communicate effectively in the workplace and a range of social situations, where good communication skills are vital. In addition, the CAE will empower you to follow an academic course at university level and participate with confidence in academic tutorials and seminars. You will have two expert teachers, experienced in Cambridge Examination Preparation. We guarantee small numbers in all our classes, but especially in Cambridge Preparation courses where you will be in a closed class working together for up to 12 weeks with a common goal. The course is highly structured and you will get lots of opportunities for test practice. Levels & Entry Requirement: FCE – Upper Intermediate level. CAE – Advanced level.

### Business English

Do you need to use English at work? These days a high level of English proficiency will give you the edge when it comes to getting that job, or maybe the promotion that you've been working toward. Business English is a very special course that is useful for any job. In this course you will learn to read and write for work. You will also learn the conventions of taking part in meetings, negotiations and social conversations at work. You will develop business reading and writing skills. However, the most interesting part of this course is that you will learn how work cultures and conditions are different from one English speaking country to another. The Business English course is offered from the Intermediate level, between 4 and 15 weeks.

**If you are interested in reaping the benefits of a Super Intensive English language course, you can take full advantage of our 25 hours full-time program, which includes a one-hour elective each day. You are able to choose from a variety of electives depending on your English level and the availability of programs.**

## ELECTIVES

### Conversation

This option is excellent if you are too shy or afraid to speak. It is designed to build your confidence and encourage you to speak in a natural way.

### Pronunciation

This elective will really help you improve your pronunciation and accent. It is also very useful if you have problems understanding native speakers. You will learn the workings of English pronunciation and the differences between Australian and American accents.

### Grammar in Context

This elective is especially useful if you need to improve your grammatical accuracy and knowledge of the grammatical rules of the English language. It is a favourite with students who are very fluent but make mistakes when they speak.

### TOEIC Preparation

TOEIC continues to grow in popularity both among employers and test-takers. This elective will provide you with sound skills practice that you can apply both in the test and beyond. As this elective has some focus on Business English, students may like to combine it with their General English course to receive the benefit of both.

### Current Affairs

This is a very popular choice with upper-intermediate and advanced students. Using a range of media, you will constantly learn every-day language as it occurs in real events as reported on TV, radio, newspapers and online.

### General Writing Skills

Writing skills are often the most difficult skills to master when learning a foreign language. This elective provides you with intensive practice and the skills and strategies for improving your writing. This elective is also a favourite with those interested in improving their accuracy.

### Academic Writing Skills

This elective is designed specifically for students planning to go on to do further study at tertiary level. It is, therefore, very popular with students in the IELTS Preparation and Academic English classes but is open to other candidates as well.

### Cambridge Extension

This elective provides students preparing for the Cambridge FCE and CAE examinations with intensive practice in the intricacies of English usage, most especially of grammar and vocabulary. It is designed to stretch your skills to their limit.

### Workplace English

This elective is available for students who wish to acquire job-seeking skills. Students can also learn valuable workplace skills such as telephoning and writing memos.

### Listening Skills

This elective provides an extra opportunity to practice skills required for good listening, for understanding spoken English. Using audio, video and online sources, students will work with a variety of texts, including conversations, public announcements, advertisements, while completing skills-building activities facilitated by their teacher.

## Timetable:

Level	Main Program* (8:30am to 12:50pm)	Elective Class Options (1:30pm to 2:30pm)	Independent Learning (2:30pm to 3:30pm)	Evening Program** (4:30pm to 8:45pm)
Beginner	General English	Pronunciation	Study Centre: Library Computers Language Lab	General English
Elementary	General English	Pronunciation Conversation Grammar in Context		General English
Pre-Intermediate	General English Academic English	Pronunciation Conversation Grammar in Context		General English
Intermediate	General English IELTS Preparation Academic English Business English	Pronunciation Conversation Grammar in Context TOEIC Preparation Writing Skills		General English IELTS Preparation/ Academic English
Upper-Intermediate and Advanced	General English IELTS Preparation Academic English Business English	Pronunciation Conversation Grammar in Context TOEIC Preparation Cambridge Grammar Current Affairs		General English IELTS Preparation/ Academic English

\* Includes 20 min break

\*\* Includes 15 min break

All courses are offered subject to student numbers.





# WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAMS

**Access Language Centre is one of the oldest specialist providers of work experience programs in Sydney. With staff dedicated to matching our students with the most appropriate organisations for their work experience and supporting them every step of the way, you are guaranteed a high quality work experience in Sydney. A comprehensive orientation into living and working in Australia will also ensure that you are prepared and fully aware of work conditions and habits in Australia. At Access Language Centre, we offer a variety of work experience programs. One of the main aims of these programs is to provide you with the opportunity to improve your English outside the classroom. These programs are subject to special conditions and include:**

## **Demi Pair Program**

The Demi Pair program combines daily Intensive English classes whilst at the same time helping out an Australian family with childcare and light housework assistance. In exchange for those services, the student will be offered accommodation, meals and a weekly living allowance. Students between 20 and 30 years old who have substantial experience in working with children and who show at least an Intermediate English level may apply for this program.

## **Internship Program**

The Internship program offers an unpaid professional Internship placement with a host organisation aimed at providing university students or young professionals with practical experience in their field of study. Interns will gain work experience that will assist them with their future career search while also improving their language skills and experiencing Australian culture. The Internship program can be undertaken with or without an Intensive English course. Students who possess at least an Upper-Intermediate English level may apply for this program.

## **Work & Study Program**

The Work & Study program provides a range of services to assist overseas students in searching for paid work in Sydney. This is an exciting opportunity for anyone who wants to work and study in Australia. The Work & Study program is available with any English program. Students 18 years old and over who possess at least an Intermediate English level may apply for this program.

**My Demi Pair experience was very interesting & rewarding, I lived with a local Australian family and I had to look after the children while the parents were away. My family was perfect and very kind, I felt like a part of their own family. I really enjoyed the experience as I learned a lot about the culture and my English improved a lot. Most importantly, I met people that I will remember all my life!**



SCHOOL

# ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

We truly believe that learning English should be fun – both in and out of the classroom. Your total experience will be enriched by participating in the many activities and events that our school and our city have to offer. Sydney is an exciting and vibrant city which offers a fantastic choice of things to do and see. Access Language Centre selects and programs every week the most inspiring social activities and events, such as playing football, basketball or shooting pool, visiting iconic Sydney attractions or just going to the beach.

The wide range of activities not only gives you the opportunity to develop your English language skills while having fun but will also enhance your whole experience at Access Language Centre and in Sydney.







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