

## ASSESSMENT

Prior to enrolment, each student will undergo an Initial Assessment to determine English language levels and suitability for the Program. The results of ongoing formal and informal assessment are used to assist teachers to plan lesson content and to give students feedback on their performance.

## REPORTING

GELC teachers write reports each term for every student. At the end of each term continuing students receive a written report and students leaving the Program receive a comprehensive exit report. These reports are presented and explained to parents with the assistance of a professional interpreter at Parent/Teacher interviews. The reports are also passed on to teachers in their enrolling schools.



## COST

There is no cost to parents for the GELC Program, however some cost may be incurred to cover transport in the event that parents are unable to transport their children independently.

## GEELONG ENGLISH LANGUAGE CENTRE

### Based at:

Bell Park North PS  
Barton St Bell Park Nth

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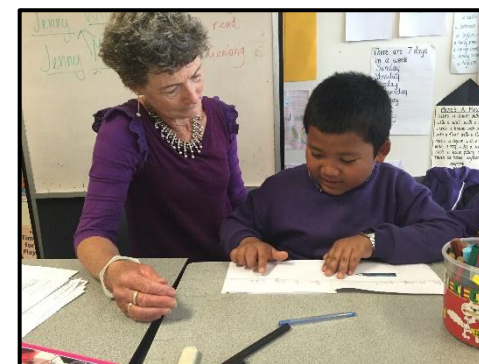
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*PROGRAM*

*INFORMATION*

*FOR FAMILIES 2016*

## THE GELC PROGRAM

The GELC Program prepares newly arrived Primary and Secondary students from language backgrounds other than English for further study in Australian schools. It is funded by the Federal Government and part of the Victorian school system.

It is an intensive English language program. Primary students attend four full days per week. Secondary students attend five full days per week.

Students usually attend for two terms.

## LOCATIONS

GELC Programs operate at four sites:

Northern Bay College:

. Wexford Campus Foundation-Year 8

. Henty St Campus Foundation-Year 8

North Geelong Sec. College Yrs 7-10

Bell Park North Primary School Yrs F-6



## PROGRAM OUTLINE

Teaching and learning at GELC is focused on building effective communication skills in:

- Speaking and Listening,
- Reading and Viewing
- Writing



GELC teaching staff are qualified English as an Additional Language (EAL) specialists and ensure students develop general and academic language skills.

Students are explicitly taught how to learn in the Australian classroom. This includes a focus on the:

- student/teacher relationship
- classroom conventions
- learning strategies and skills

*Students work in small groups with an average class size of 13 students. Classes are based on student year levels and English language proficiency.*

## Multicultural Education Aides

MEAs enrich the learning experience by explaining instructions in the learner's first language and assist students and teachers to communicate with each other.

## ENROLMENT

Students are enrolled in the GELC Program through their enrolling school. They cannot enrol directly with GELC.

Enrolment eligibility includes:

- Passport or travel documents
- Current Visa

To be eligible students must:

- be aged between 5 and 18 years
- be a permanent resident of Australia, or
- hold an eligible temporary resident visa
- have been in Australia less than 6 months (18 months for Prep students)

## TRAVEL

Generally families transport their children to and from the English Language Centre.