



The GELC New Arrivals Program:

- is an intensive English language program
- prepares newly arrived students for further study in Australian schools
- supports both primary and secondary students
- is funded by the Federal Government and is part of the Victorian school system
- provides a four day per week program for primary students and a five day per week program for secondary students
- students can attend for up to four terms



Enrolment

Students must be enrolled in a Victorian government school to attend the GELC New Arrivals Program. Ask about enrolment in the GELC New Arrivals program at your school or contact GELC.

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Locations

GELC New Arrivals Programs operate at three sites:

- **Northern Bay College, Wexford Campus, Foundation – Year 8**
Wexford Crt, Corio
- **Northern Bay College, Hendy Campus, Foundation – Year 8**
Hendy St, Corio
- **North Geelong Secondary College, Years 7 - 10**
Separation St, North Geelong

Cost

There is no cost to parents/guardians.



The GELC New Arrivals Program engages students and enhances their English language learning by:

- using highly effective, research based English as an Additional Language teaching methodologies
- providing a wide range of learning experiences including excursions, hands on activities and specialist instructors
- using digital learning technologies such as interactive boards, computers and iPads
- teaching English across the curriculum including maths, science, physical education, health and the arts
- having a strong focus on student wellbeing with a comprehensive understanding of the psychological and emotional impacts of migration and settlement

Family Engagement

At GELC we understand that families are new to the Australian education system too. We support families by:

- providing a friendly and welcoming atmosphere for all families
- providing interpreters to support reporting on student achievement and family meetings
- providing information about the Victorian education system

Program Outline

Students are prepared for the mainstream Australian school experience in a highly supportive and caring environment. All our teachers are qualified English as an Additional Language (EAL) teachers. They are assisted by Multicultural Education Aides who are able to speak to many of the students in their first language.

The GELC New Arrivals Program builds effective English language communication skills in:

- Speaking and Listening
- Reading and Viewing
- Writing

Education in Australia can be a very different experience for newly arrived students. At GELC students are taught how to learn in the Australian classroom. This includes a focus on:

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

