



## OVERSEAS STUDENT ENGLISH PROFICIENCY POLICY

### 1. INTRODUCTION

Fintona Girls' School (the School) is committed to providing quality education to all students. In order to deliver on this commitment, the School must ensure that overseas students who attend the School have attained a suitable level of English proficiency prior to enrolment.

A compliant English Proficiency Policy is mandated by Standard 2 of the National Code of Practice for Providers of Education and Training to Overseas Students 2018 made under subsection 33(1) of the *Education Services for Overseas Students Act 2000* (Cth) (ESOS Act).

### 2. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Policy is to outline the School's policy on English language proficiency required to be eligible for admission to the School.

### 3. SCOPE

This Policy applies to all overseas students seeking enrolment with the School.

### 4. POLICY

All applications for enrolment from overseas students must be processed according to this policy.

Students must attain a suitable score, as determined by the School, in order to receive an offer of enrolment or commence study at the School.

### 5. ASSESSMENT PROCEDURE

To be considered for enrolment at the School, an overseas student must complete, as a minimum requirement, an English Language assessment as part of the application process.

In order to assess a student's English proficiency, the School requires overseas students to undertake the Australian Educational Assessment Services (AEAS) test. The results of the AEAS test should be provided with the initial application.

The School will consider the results of the AEAS test and will either:

- where the result is 80% or above, will likely (dependant on other enrolment requirements) make an offer of enrolment; or
- where the result is less than 80% decline to make an offer of enrolment.

### 6. CONSIDERATIONS

Any decision to extend an offer of enrolment is made at the sole discretion of the School. The School may, but is not required to, give consideration to the following factors whether to make an offer of enrolment:

- above average scores of stanine 7 – 8 on the AEAS test are preferred for enrolment at Years 9, 10, 11 & 12;

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- potential for growth, which includes the opportunity for the student to practice of English Language skills before commencing at the School; and
- whether students have experience studying at an English language school as they are likely to have less scope for further growth in language acquisition.

## 7. BREACHES OF THIS POLICY

Any breach of this Policy may result in withdrawal of offer of enrolment or termination of enrolment.

## 8. DEFINITIONS

**Overseas Student** means a person (whether within or outside Australia) who holds a student visa to study in Australia as defined by the *ESOS Act (2000)* but does not include students of a kind prescribed in the ESOS Regulations. Where the student is under 18 years of age and the student is required to exercise rights or enter obligations as a legal person, this term may refer to the student's parents or legal guardian.

## 9. IMPLICATIONS FOR PRACTICE

### 9.1 AT PRINCIPAL LEVEL

To properly implement this policy, the Principal must ensure:

- that this policy is reviewed every two years;
- ensure the School Registrar and Deputy Principal implement this policy and its procedures.

### 9.2 AT OTHER LEVELS

To properly implement this policy, all the School's employees must ensure that they will abide by this policy and assist the School's Deputy Principal and Registrar in the implementation of this policy.

## 10. RELATED SCHOOL POLICIES

- E02.00 Overseas Student Enrolment Policy and Procedures

## 11. REFERENCES

- ESOS Act (2000) – Obligations of registered providers
- ESOS National Code Standard 2: Recruitment of an Overseas Student (Fact Sheet 14 July 2022)
- VRQA Guidelines for the Enrolment of Overseas Student Aged Under 18 Years (April 2022)

## 12. ACCESSIBILITY

This document is available on:

- Fintona Website > Overseas Students
- inFintona>Staff Services>Policies
- inFintona>Parent Services>Policies