

ENGLISH PROFICIENCY POLICY

1. INTRODUCTION

Tintern Grammar School (**Tintern**) is committed to providing quality education to all students. In order to deliver on this commitment, Tintern must ensure that Overseas Students who attend Tintern have attained a suitable level of English proficiency prior to enrolment.

2. PURPOSE

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

3. SCOPE

This Policy applies to all Overseas Students seeking enrolment with Tintern.

4. DEFINITIONS

Overseas Student means a person (whether within or outside Australia) who holds a student visa as defined by the *Education Services for Overseas Students Act 2000* (Cth) (**ESOS Act**), 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.

5. POLICY

- 5.1 All applications for enrolment from Overseas Students must be processed according to this policy.
- 5.2 All applications for enrolment must also be processed according to the English Proficiency and Entry Requirements Procedure.

6. ASSESSMENT PROCEDURE

- 6.1 To be considered for enrolment at Tintern, an Overseas Student must complete, as a minimum requirement an English Language assessment as part of the application process. The Overseas Student must also attend an interview.
- 6.2 In order to assess an Overseas Student's English proficiency, Tintern requires the Overseas Student to undertake the Australian Educational Assessment Services (AEAS) test or the International Diagnostic and Admissions Test (iDAT). The results of the AEAS or iDAT test should be provided with the initial application.
- 6.3 Tintern will consider the results of the AEAS or iDAT test and will either:
 - (a) make an offer of enrolment;
 - (b) make a provisional offer of enrolment, requiring the student to undertake additional English Language preparation prior to commencement at Tintern; or

- (c) decline to make an offer of enrolment.

7. PROVISION OFFER OF ENROLMENT

This process relates only to Overseas Students who are offered provisional enrolment under item 6.3 (b).

- 7.1 Overseas Student will be required to undertake and successfully complete the recommended number of weeks of English Language preparation as outlined on the AEAS or iDAT test to determine whether the Overseas Student will be able to access the curriculum and succeed in mainstream classes.
- 7.2 Enrolment offers under this section are provisional upon the Overseas Student's completion of the recommended English language preparation course and achievement of the required level of English appropriate to the year level of entry, as determined by Tintern. Tintern reserves the right to withdraw a provisional offer of Enrolment if test results as outlined in item 7.1 and progress reports from the language preparation course are not satisfactory as determined by Tintern.

8. CONSIDERATIONS

- 8.1 Any decision to extend an offer of enrolment is made at the sole discretion of Tintern. Tintern may, but is not required to, give consideration to the following factors when considering whether to make an offer of enrolment:
 - (a) potential for growth; and
 - (b) whether students have experience studying at a school where English is the language of instruction or at an English language school as they are likely to have less scope for further growth in language acquisition.

9. BREACHES OF THIS CODE

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

10. MONITORING AND REVIEW

A review of this Policy shall be conducted every two years.

APPROVAL

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