



Castle College
Teaches Correct English

Sydney – Australia



ENGLISH LANGUAGE COURSES

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A Message from the



Principal

I have been involved in English language education for more than ten years. Like many English teachers, I have taught overseas and in Australia. It has been my pleasure to meet students from all over the world. During this time, I have never ceased to be impressed by the progress committed students can make when they set their minds to a goal. I have guided many students in realising their dreams.

Castle College has helped many students meet their learning goals. I am sure we can assist you in reaching your full potential. We pride ourselves on providing a personal service in a friendly and supportive atmosphere. We are here to support you in every way possible. We can offer you a variety of courses that help you with practical English for every day life, English for work and English for academic studies. We can also offer you assistance with further studies in Australia.

The teachers at Castle College are fully qualified. They are friendly, dedicated professionals who work as a team. They can help you with your English. Their aim is to provide you with assistance in reaching your educational goals. They will encourage you to talk to them about your English studies and work with you so that you develop greater confidence with your English. If you have a dream, our teachers have the experience and commitment to support you and make your dream come true.

In many ways, Castle College is like a community. The Castle College community is made up of people from a variety of cultural and ethnic backgrounds. At Castle College, we encourage diversity and we are committed to setting up a vibrant multicultural environment for you. You are always welcome at Castle College and we invite you to become a member of our community.

Brendan Daly
Principal
Castle College





Sydney is perhaps the most well-known city in Australia. It is famous for its harbour, the Opera House and the Harbour Bridge. Castle College is located in the central business district of Sydney. The college is near Pitt Street Mall, which is a popular location for shopping, movies, pubs and nightclubs, restaurants and cafes. You may want to visit museums and galleries or just sit in Hyde Park and enjoy the sunshine.



Weather

Sydney has a great climate. The summers are warm and the winters are not too cold – although that depends on your home country. Most days are bright and sunny.

Beaches

There are more than 20 ocean beaches to the north and south of the Sydney central business district. Bondi Beach is world famous. However, one of the best ways to experience the city is to get a ferry across Sydney Harbour from Circular Quay direct to Manly Beach. You'll go past the Opera House and have great views of the Harbour Bridge.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
MAXIMUM (°C)	25.8	26.2	25.2	22.8	20.3	17.7
MINIMUM (°C)	19.2	19.3	18.0	15.2	12.0	9.6
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MAXIMUM (°C)	17.1	17.8	20.4	22.2	23.7	25.6
MINIMUM (°C)	8.4	8.9	11.5	14.1	16.0	18.0

Source: Bureau of Meteorology, Sydney Weather Observatory HWS, www.bom.gov.au

Parks

Hyde Park is just around the corner from Castle College. It is a tranquil spot for lunch on a sunny day. It has beautiful old trees with lots of shade, fountains and green lawns to sit on. The Royal Botanic Gardens has lovely views of the harbour and is the perfect place for a picnic. The Domain is another great spot to enjoy the outdoors in the city. You can walk to all of these locations from Castle College.





Castle College Sydney

Enrolment

New students can start every Monday. Make sure you bring your passport, your Confirmation of Enrolment or letter of offer, contact details, pens and a notebook on the first day.

Orientation

On your first day at Castle College you will go through our orientation. You will be reminded of important information in regards to your enrolment at Castle College and you will give us your Australian and home country contact details. You will also do a placement test so that you can be put in the most suitable class. You will talk to the Academic Manager or a senior teacher about your study goals. Then, you will go on a tour of the building and see your classroom and teacher.

Homestay

Living with a homestay family is a great way to improve your English and experience Australian culture. Castle College prefers to use an agent for homestay arrangements. You can request either a single room or a double shared room with or without meals – it depends on the service you require and how much your budget allows.

Guardianship – under aged students

If your son or daughter is aged under 18 and you are unable to come with them to Australia for the duration of their studies, you will need to arrange for a guardian. A guardian is a person you choose to be responsible for your son or daughter's welfare and studying conditions.

You can make guardianship arrangements independently or Castle College can help you. We use a homestay and accommodation agent to arrange appropriate accommodation and welfare support. If you make independent arrangements, you will have to inform Castle College and we will decide if the arrangements are appropriate.

Student Services

Our friendly staff members speak a variety of languages. You'll be able to talk to someone about any problems you are having adjusting to life in Sydney. We will do everything possible to support you while you are studying at Castle College. If you have any problems, we have people here to help you.

We can assist you with:

- ☺ Homestay and airport pickups
- ☺ Accommodation (hostels, hotels)
- ☺ Visas and travel arrangements
- ☺ Further studies (university or VET)
- ☺ Insurance and banking
- ☺ Overseas Student Health Cover
- ☺ Academic guidance



Sample Timetable

Periods	Time
Lesson 1	9:00 to 10:30
Break	10:30 to 10:50
Lesson 2	10:50 to 12:20
Lunch	12:20 to 13:00
Lesson 3	13:00 to 14:00
Break	14:00 to 14:10
Lesson 4	14:10 to 15:10

Occasionally, class times and break times may be adjusted.



Course Outline

Intensive English classes focus on communicative language skills for listening and speaking. They are designed to increase your knowledge of vocabulary, idioms and grammar. These classes provide you with lots of opportunities to talk with other students. Also, the Intensive English course helps you to develop your reading and writing skills.

Entry requirements

There are no formal English requirements for entry into the Intensive English course. However, it is advisable to learn some basic English expressions in order to make the transition to classes easier. Anyway, you will need to be able to show us that you have done 3 – 6 years of high school in your home country.

Intensive English CRICOS Course Code 057944C

This course is for students who want to make rapid progress. In Intensive English you will study full time. Class sizes are small and friendly.

Levels¹

Intensive English has six levels . If you study hard and work with your teachers, it is possible for you to make good progress in your studies. Remember rates of progress vary from person to person.

Level 1	Beginners
Level 2	Elementary
Level 3	Pre-Intermediate
Level 4	Intermediate
Level 5	Upper-Intermediate
Level 6	Advanced

Tuesday afternoon activities

On Tuesday afternoons there are activities which are designed to give you an opportunity to experience the real world of English and get some 'hands on' practice. Teachers make sure that Tuesday afternoon activities are connected to class work.

Electives²

After lunch, you can do an elective. You might want to focus on grammar, vocabulary, writing, listening, reading or speaking skills. You may even want to look at the skills needed for IELTS .



Intensive English (Pre-Intermediate) Sample Timetable

Times	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lesson 1 09:00 – 10:30	Discuss the weekend Pair work matching vocabulary. Discuss preferences: e.g. dream jobs	Introduction of new topic: jobs Speaking: talking about personal characteristics Pair work: job preferences	Grammar: present perfect continuous with how long, for and since. Reading job ads	Vocabulary review Pronunciation practice: /h/ sound. Writing practice: an application form	Common mistakes in job application letters. Writing an email application for a job
Break 10:30 – 10:50					
Lesson 2 10:50 – 12:20	Review of previous weeks' topics vocabulary and grammar Follow up on homework	Small group discussion: the perfect job Listening: a job interview Role-play: job interviews	Reading about people's experiences Discuss reading text and topics presented	Speaking: asking about a job over the phone Writing practice: a letter to apply for a job	Task: choosing the right person for the job
Lunch 12:20 – 13:00					
Lesson 3 13:00 – 14:00	Elective	Tuesday Afternoon Activity	Elective	Elective	Elective
Break 14:00 – 14:10					
Lesson 4 14:10 – 15:10	Elective	Tuesday Afternoon Activity	Elective	Elective	Elective

1. The number of classes we run at any one time is subject to student numbers.

2. Entry to an elective is dependent on student numbers.



English for Academic Purposes (EAP/IELTS) CRICOS Course Code 057941F



Course Outline

EAP/IELTS classes focus on academic language skills. The course is designed to help you develop the skills you need for being successful in an academic setting. You will be able to increase your listening and speaking competency for academic studies. You will get to practice reading academic topics and completing academic tasks and assignments. The course will help you to be successful in further studies.

After lunch, you can do IELTS practice or you can do an elective. You might want to focus on grammar, vocabulary, writing, listening, reading or speaking skills.

If you want to enter a university programme, this course is ideally suited for you. Castle College provides academic pathways that allow you to meet the English proficiency requirements for further studies.

Levels¹

EAP/IELTS has two levels

Level 1	EAP 1/IELTS 1
Level 2	EAP 2/IELTS 2

EAP/IELTS (EAP 1) Sample Timetable

Times	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lesson 1 09:00 – 10:30	Vocabulary development Topic: politics	Listening in academic contexts Predicting	Academic writing and research Sentence problems	Grammar development Future predictions and present tense	Academic writing and research Sentence problems
Break 10:30 – 10:50					
Lesson 2 10:50 – 12:20	Listening in academic contexts Mini lecture: government and politics	Academic reading skills The Australian political system	Academic reading skills Newspaper article: current political issue Introductions and using attention grabbing devices	Discussion skills Discussion: urbanisation	Computer skills Websites to assist learning
Lunch 12:20 – 13:00					
Lesson 3 13:00 – 14:00	Academic reading skills: skimming and scanning a text for evidence Task 3 Academic reading module	IELTS Test Practice	Listening in academic contexts Predicting in Task 4 of IELTS listening module	Writing an academic essay: Task 2 IELTS writing Editing practice: reviewing your essay for errors	Discussion skills Small groups: agreeing, disagreeing and restating points in a discussion
Break 14:00 – 14:10					
Lesson 4 14:10 – 15:10	As Above	IELTS Test Practice	As Above	As Above	As Above

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High School Preparation (HSP)

CRICOS Course Code 057943D

Course Outline

Castle College offers a protected environment where your son or daughter can become accustomed to a new culture and build confidence before they move on to study in an Australian high school. The course focuses on developing the language and cultural survival skills necessary for academic and social success at high school. Your child will study English for everyday purposes as well as English specific to subjects like mathematics, geography, science and history. He or she will be assessed regularly.

The course provides your son or daughter with the English and the skills needed to study in an Australian high school. Your child can go to an Australian high school and receive an Australian qualification.

Levels¹

There are four levels for HSP.

Level 1	Pre-Elementary
Level 2	Elementary
Level 3	Pre-Intermediate
Level 4	Intermediate

Entry requirements

Your son or daughter will need to demonstrate that they can achieve a 3.0 score in the Academic Module of the IELTS or the equivalent score in TOEIC/TOEFL. They can also enter directly if they get an acceptable score on Castle College's placement test.

If your son or daughter's English is not sufficient for HSP, they might have to join an Intensive English class until their English reaches the entry requirement. Your son or daughter will also need to be at least 16 years of age when they start the course.

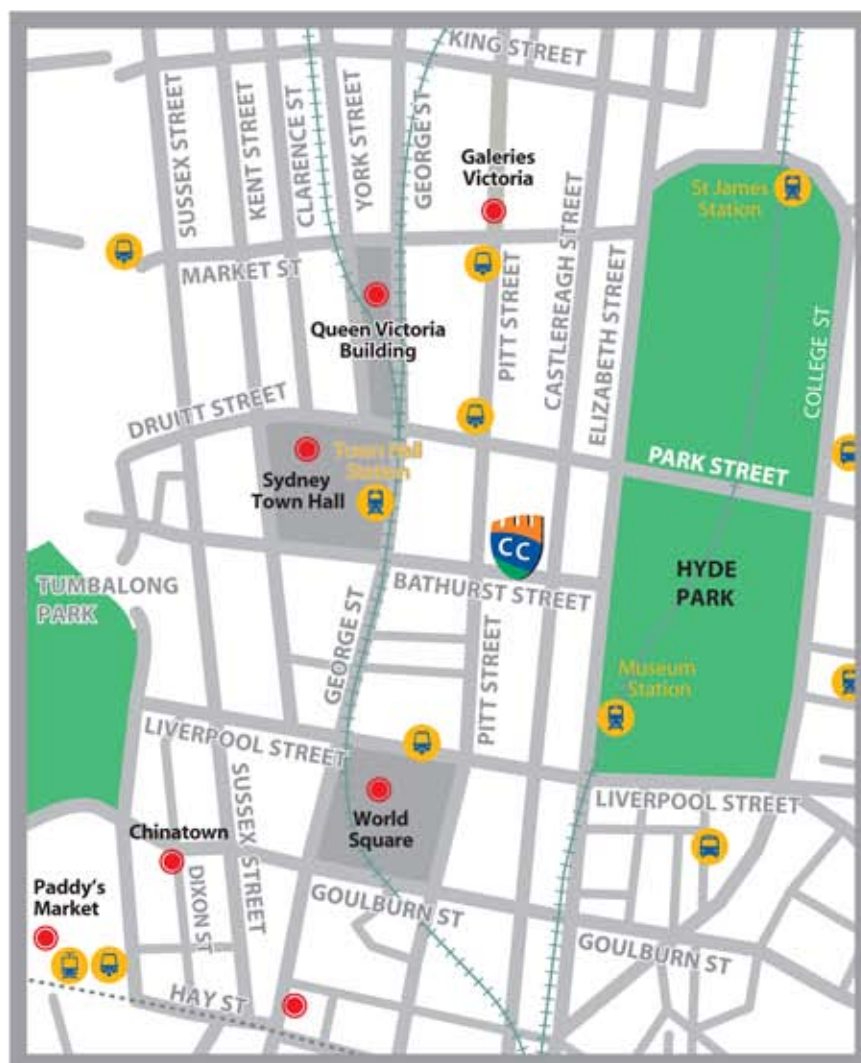
If you are unsure about how long your child should study, it is possible for them to do a pre-enrolment test. This will help us to estimate the length of time they will need in order to enter high school. You will need to request this service



HSP Sample Timetable

Times	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lesson 1 09:00 – 10:30	General English skills: listening and speaking Oral recounts: e.g. What did you do on the weekend? Writing a basic recount of someone else's weekend	General English skills: Vocabulary: cities, pollution, urbanisation	High School English skills: education systems in Australia and your country compare and contrast	General English skills: reading a newspaper article and making notes of the main points of that article	General English skills: Internet research based on ancient Egypt
Break 10:30 – 10:50					
Lesson 2 10:50 – 12:20	General English skills: comparatives and superlatives	General English skills: listening skills taking notes for an assignment: problems of urbanisation	General English skills: music comparisons and contrasting the various genres	General English skills: BTN – speaking exchanging knowledge and completing worksheets	General English skills: project work creating a poster on pollution caused by modern cities
Lunch 12:20 – 13:00					
Lesson 3 13:00 – 14:00	Geography: natural disasters	Tuesday Afternoon Activity	Science: the scientific laboratory What does a chemist study?	History: modern and ancient history	Mathematics: Distance, size and dimensions
Break 14:00 – 14:10					
Lesson 4 14:10 – 15:10	Geography: natural disasters labelling a diagram/ describing a disaster	Tuesday Afternoon Activity	Science: writing up a science experiment / recording data into a table	Ancient Egypt: the wonders of ancient Egypt: What did they contribute?	Mathematics: Length, depth, height

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