



How well must I speak and write English (LNS738)

For information about studying in Australia we recommend you visit the Australian Government website "Study in Australia" at <http://www.studyinaustralia.gov.au>

How well you need to speak English depends on 2 things:

1. the age, course level and living arrangements of the student
2. the students citizenship

Contact Lorien Novalis School first

Students interested in studying at Lorien Novalis School should first contact the School to determine if there is the possibility of enrolment before contacting the nearest Australian Government office in their country to confirm the particular English language proficiency requirements (if any) for obtaining a visa.

Primary School student English proficiency

In general a student enrolling in the Primary course (Kindergarten to Year 6) may have little English skills, however the parent or close family relative who the student was living with in Australia would need to have good English proficiency and be regularly available to assist the student to develop their English language skills. Students need support in speaking English not only at school, but at home as well.

Junior Secondary School: English proficiency of a student

High School students are expected to have the following English speaking levels. High School students would be expected to be regularly communicating (spoken and written) in English.

Note that in some cases these skill levels need to be demonstrated before a student visa can be issued by the Australian Government (DIAC).

Years 7 to 8: Students need Intermediate (46-60) or an IELTS band score of 3.5

Year 9: IELTS band score of 4.0

Year 10: Upper Intermediate (61-70) or an IELTS band score of 5.0

Senior Secondary School: English Proficiency of a student

Senior high school students are expected to have excellent English communication (both written and spoken).

Year 11 and 12 students need an IELTS band score of 5.5

Spoken English Assessment for Class 6 to 12

Refer to the document LNS739 Proving English Proficiency for information about the spoke English assessment.

Intensive English courses in Australia

Lorien Novalis School does not currently provide an Intensive English Course. However families can independently organise to attend such a course (usually 20 weeks in duration).

For students from the People's Republic of China who are 16 years old or over at the time of visa application and who intend to undertake an intensive English course in Australia prior to starting studying at Lorien Novalis School, the Australian Government requires: A minimum score of 36 on the AEAS test or an IELTS band score of 4.0.

Families might choose to enrol their child in an intensive English course in Australia. Courses are available through such organisation as the Sydney College of English (<http://www.sce.edu.au> then go to 'Courses' and then to 'Preparation for High School Study'). Parents should contact the providers of the intensive English course directly, and make arrangements directly with that provider.

Further information on English requirements

Further information can be obtained at http://www.immi.gov.au/businessservices/education-providers/schools_english_requirements.htm