

LOTE POLICY - AUSLAN

PURPOSE

Learning a sign language such as Auslan (Australian Sign Language) promotes an understanding of the hearing impaired community. Undertaking Auslan education supports the delivery of an inclusive education at St Albans Primary School, and provides students with an opportunity to learn a language other than English.

SCOPE

The scope of this policy is all students that attend St Albans Primary School.

POLICY

The Auslan LOTE program aims to develop the knowledge, understanding and skills to enable students to:

- communicate effectively in Auslan
- understand language, culture and learning and their relationship, and thereby develop an intercultural capability in communication
- understand themselves as communicators
- develop a knowledge and an understanding of the diversity of the Deaf experience and the nature of identity
- consider their own culture in comparison with the culture of deaf communities

At St Albans Primary School:

- a qualified Auslan instructor teaches students on a weekly basis
- classes will take part in Auslan for 30 minutes, once a week
- Auslan is instructed visually through signing
- the Auslan program will follow the Australian Curriculum guidelines, drawing content from across the curriculum and enriching the current classroom topics
- the experience of Auslan will be available to every student
- all classes will have an Auslan display accessible to all students
- professional development is undertaken by all staff members to ensure inclusiveness
- Auslan is implemented through a variety of games, music, songs, movement activities, discussion, interacting, greeting, asking/answering questions, describing
- teachers will report on student progress in Auslan using the Victorian Curriculum and Individual Education Plans.

FURTHER INFORMATION & RESOURCES

[Victorian Curriculum Auslan P-6](#)

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REVIEW CYCLE

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three year review cycle

DOCUMENT STATUS

Reviewed	School Council Ratification	Next Review
School Council Meeting	June, 2019	June, 2023