



**Australian  
International  
School**

# **ONLINE ENGLISH LANGUAGE COURSE**



World Class English Language Course  
for accelerated pathway to AIS

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# INTRODUCTION

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Thank you for your interest in the Australian International School Singapore’s Online English Language Course. This is a world class course designed to improve English for entry to AIS classes.

AIS English Language Course aims to better prepare students prior to entering English Medium of Instruction (EMI) schooling in the areas of social communication and subject specific academic language acquisition.

All courses are 10 weeks in duration and align with the Australian International School calendar. Students can enrol for a maximum of 2 consecutive 10 week Courses. Students are then able to transition to the Australian International School, Singapore, at the start of the following school term.

Prior to commencing the Online English Language Course, each student’s English proficiency is assessed. Throughout the 10 week course, students complete embedded language comprehension and production tasks. At the end of the course students take the English proficiency test after completing all module work or before commencing at AIS on campus in Singapore.

Students will be provided with a report of progress and a certificate of completion at the end of the 10 week Online English Language Course.

## AIS VALUES

Whether you are learning online or on campus, AIS is **GLOBALLY FOCUSED, DISTINCTLY AUSTRALIAN.**

At AIS, we have a vision to be known recognised internationally as a school which represents educational excellence in all aspects of our operation. Our philosophy commits us fully to the notion of a holistic, rounded education, which cherishes the arts and sports as well as academics essential to each student’s education.

We are equally committed to teaching our students to have a moral commitment to making our world a better place as reflective, caring, knowledgeable and principled people. Each child is unique, each is important.

We never forget either the inextricable links with the culture and education system of many of our students, families and staff, or our humble origins at our first campus in Singapore over 25 years ago.

At AIS we live the principles outlined in our Vision, Mission, and Values:

**Our Vision:** AIS strives to be a globally recognised centre of educational excellence whose students consistently exceed expectations and are committed to addressing the needs of our world.

**Our Mission:** To enable our students to realise their potential through exceptional opportunities, within a nurturing community which equips them to flourish in life and to make a difference for good.

### Our Values:

RESPECT	OPPORTUNITY	ACHIEVEMENT
We value integrity and responsibility. We believe in acceptance and appreciation of differences. We care for ourselves, each other, the community and the environment.	We value confidence, creativity and innovation. We encourage leadership and initiative, to deliver a balanced and well-rounded education.	We value the pursuit of individual interests and passions. We encourage a commitment to learning and personal excellence, to build perseverance and resilience.

### Our Values in Action: For Parents/Guardians of Online English Language Course students:

- Check in regularly on your child’s well-being and learning
- Allow your child to have ‘free time’ as well as ‘school time’
- Be patient with yourself as well as your children, particularly if you are sharing a learning space or devices, or if you are also working from home
- Establish a clear schedule and routine
- Designate a quiet, calm learning space
- Monitor and respond to teacher communications
- Help your child balance time online
- Model and support physical exercise and activity
- Seek feedback on what is working and what is not working

## COMMUNICATION METHODS & KEY RESOURCES

For questions about the Online English Language Course, please contact our **Admissions Team** on

- Email: admissions@ais.com.sg
- Phone: +65 6517 0247

### AIS KEY LEARNING RESOURCES FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS

<b>Online Learning</b>	The online site houses resources relevant to each sub-school (Elementary and Secondary School) and includes useful information and links regarding curriculum, communication and well-being.
<b>AIS Website</b>	AIS’ <a href="#">website</a> provides a range of information for the general public. You do not need a log-in or password to access this site.

COMMUNICATION METHOD	AUDIENCE	DESCRIPTION
<b>Connect</b>	Secondary students Year 6 to Year 12	Students in Secondary (Year 6 to Year 10) will receive their Online English Language Course activities via Connect.
<b>Email</b>	All staff, parents and students	All announcements and communications are sent by email. It is essential that AIS is provided with accurate parent/guardian email addresses and that parents/guardian check their accounts regularly for school communications. Secondary students must also check their AIS email accounts regularly.
<b>Seesaw</b>	Elementary students Prep to Year 5	Students in Lower Elementary (Prep to Year 2) and Upper Elementary (Year 3 to Year 5) will receive their Online English Language Course activities via ‘Seesaw Activities’.
<b>Whereby</b>	Secondary students Year 6 to Year 12	Students in Secondary (Year 6 to Year 10) will receive their Online English Language Course activities via ‘Whereby’.

## ACCESSING ONLINE COURSE

Students require access to a device for a minimum of 3 hours per day. A reliable internet connection is essential to all students learning through the AIS English Language Course; this is particularly important for connecting with teachers and other students through video conferencing.

It is each family's responsibility to ensure that their child/ren can access the digital learning platforms used within the Online English Language Course. The table below outlines the equipment required for each of our sub-schools as well as the approximate time each child will require this device daily. This will help families plan in terms of how many devices they will require to access learning for their child/ren.

### RECOMMENDED EQUIPMENT

<b>ELEMENTARY</b> Prep to Year 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parents and students can access learning materials using a smartphone, tablet or computer, iPads are recommended.</li> <li>If using a computer, an additional camera device may be required to record evidence of student work.</li> <li>A printer is also required to complete tasks.</li> </ul>
<b>SECONDARY</b> Year 6 to Year 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Laptop computers are recommended. Once on-campus, students must use Macs, however a Windows device, Chromebook or a tablet with a keyboard will suffice.</li> <li>Students need devices to access live and pre-recorded videos. Parents also require access to devices to understand instructions for any offline activities.</li> </ul>

### SAFEGUARDING CONSIDERATIONS FOR PARENTS

At AIS we take safeguarding very seriously. Please ensure that appropriate adult supervision is available for all Online English Language Course classes. This means an adult must be nearby to observe and to assist if any technical or other issues arise. Please keep in mind that a parent's role is to support their children's learning and any parent- teacher correspondence is best actioned via email.

## AIS ENGLISH LANGUAGE COURSE: ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

### FULL TIME STUDY:

10 week course

### YEAR LEVELS:

Prep-Year 2 and Year 3-Year 5

### TIME:

7.5 hrs face-to-face per week (75 hours in total)

The Australian International School English Language Course prepares students for the appropriate social and academic language they will encounter when studying face to face at AIS in the English medium of instruction setting. Students will learn academic language and English language skills in Speaking, Listening, Reading and Writing. Each week students will develop speaking and reading fluency, vocabulary, listening and reading comprehension and develop grammatical accuracy. Exposure to appropriate academic language including research and writing development, the writing process and reflection on learning.

### Our approach to Online Learning in the Elementary school for the development of the whole child through the provision of:

- Small group instruction of up to 6 students
- Academic learning opportunities in developing English (Speaking, Listening, Reading and Writing)
- Class connection opportunities where your child can meet virtually with other Online English Language Course students and AIS students
- Online coaching opportunities with class teachers, teacher assistants and other AIS staff members
- Differentiated class grouping based on the needs of individuals
- Student support throughout the school day including feedback and opportunities to check learning engagements

The SeeSaw App is the primary tool for communication between teachers and students in AIS Online English Language Course for Elementary students. A range of other online learning apps are utilised including Freckle and Epic for online reading materials.

Online coaching and class connection activities are conducted through Whereby. Depending on the task and the learner, this may be either 1-on-1 or in a small group. These sessions are hosted by the child's course teacher and/or other AIS teachers or English as Additional Language teacher assistants as required.

### CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

Week 1 :	Introductions, Online English Language Course live class etiquette, engaging students in topic, setting up academic vocabulary & reading expectations
Weeks 2-9 :	Speaking, Listening, Reading and Writing instruction with production tasks embedded
Week 10 :	Two-way Feedback & Reporting & English proficiency testing, confirming pathway to advance.

Curriculum Learning Units are designed to be delivered over 1 to 2 weeks, this varies depending on the student engagement and skills. The curriculum units are divided into 3 levels and are designed so that different levels can be selected to meet the individual groups needs. Each lesson is designated to a specific skill: Speaking, Listening, Reading and Writing, which is taught through the transdisciplinary nature of all language domains. An appropriate combination of receptive and productive skills are taught to meet the students' needs each week in order to prepare them for entrance to an English medium school for on campus learning at AIS.

### SELF-PACED LEARNING ENGAGEMENTS

All self-paced learning engagements are a combination of:

- Reading and responding
- Writing
- Content and language integrated learning project
- Speak and share
- Weekend recounts
- Specific tasks to meet specific student/group's needs

Depending on the age of the learner, learning engagements and tasks are to be completed independently by the student. For our Lower Elementary students (Prep to Year 2), parent/guardian support is required. Upper Elementary students (Year 3 to Year 5) should be able to complete tasks with increasing levels of independence. Resources vary by class and lesson. Parents are encouraged to email teachers for clarification and support.

### Sample AIS Online English Language Course daily schedule for Elementary school students: Daily learning comprises three components.

Lesson	Group 1	Group 2
8.40am-11.40am	Live English Lesson	Live AIS Connection and Check-In
	Independent English Learning Engagement + break	Live English Lesson
	Live AIS Connection and Check-In	Independent English Learning Engagement + break

Lesson	Group 3	Group 4
12.20pm-3.20pm	Live English Lesson	Live AIS Connection and Check-In
	Independent English Learning Engagement + break	Live English Lesson
	Live AIS Connection and Check-In	Independent English Learning Engagement + break

## AIS ENGLISH LANGUAGE COURSE: SECONDARY SCHOOL

### FULL TIME STUDY:

10 week course

### YEAR LEVELS:

Year 6-Year 8 and Year 9-Year 10

### TIME:

10 hrs face-to-face per week (100 hours in total)

Australian International School English Language Course prepares students for the year level appropriate academic language they will encounter when studying on campus at AIS in the English medium of instruction setting. Students will learn the academic language needed for their specific year level courses in Mathematics, English, and Science. Each 10 week course begins with guided lessons involving key vocabulary acquisition embedded in listening/reading comprehension tasks. The final stages of each module involve students producing language in context in both oral and written form in all four learning areas: Mathematics, Science, and English

### Our approach to Online Learning in the Secondary school for the development of the whole child through the provision of:

- Small group instruction of up to 15 students
- Academic English language learning opportunities through scaffolded comprehension and production tasks
- Academic preparation and presentation of oral and written tasks
- Class connection opportunities where your child can meet virtually with other Online English Language Course and AIS students and Staff
- Student support throughout the school day including feedback and opportunities to check learning engagements

### CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

Weeks 1-2 :	Introductions, Online English Language Course live class etiquette, engaging students in topic, setting up academic vocabulary & reading regimes
Weeks 3-7 :	Comprehension & scaffolded production tasks
Weeks 8-9 :	Preparing and presenting oral and/or written tasks and presentations
Week 10 :	Two-way feedback, reporting & English proficiency testing, confirming pathway to advance.

Curriculum Learning Units are designed to be delivered over a weekly period and are drawn from the AIS, Singapore, Secondary curriculum. Students will learn to develop their English language proficiency through the Online English Language Course with explicit instruction in Viewing, Listening, Reading and Writing. Each day, the academic language of core content from Mathematics, Science, will be taught through the transdisciplinary nature of the language domains. An appropriate combination of receptive and productive skills are taught to meet the students' needs each week in order to prepare them for entrance to an English medium school for on campus learning at AIS.

## SELF-PACED LEARNING ENGAGEMENTS

All independent learning engagements vary by year level and subject area. Students will independently complete a combination of:

- Oral communication and responding
- Writing communication
- Vocabulary development
- Reading materials across multiple content areas
- Online quizzes
- Specific tasks to meet specific student/group's needs

Learning engagements are to be completed independently by the student or in collaboration with other students in the Online English Language Course. Involvement from parents, guardians and/or tutors is to be minimal. Support for student learning is available to assist with work completion, students are encouraged to be proactive in contacting teachers if they require assistance via email. Each week, 'Question and Answer' sessions are available for students to bring questions or concerns from the current week's work.

### Sample Online English Language Course daily schedule for Secondary school students: Daily learning comprises three components.

Daily Lesson	Year 6 - Year 8 (12-14 years)
8.45am-1.00pm	Live Teaching Session
	Daily Set Task Complete
	Live Teaching Session
	Ongoing Review Work

Daily Lesson	Year 9 - 10 (15-16 years)
1.00pm-5.00pm	Live Teaching Session
	Daily Set Task Complete
	Live Teaching Session
	Ongoing Review Work

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### What are the fees for the Online English Language Course?

Students are enrolled as AIS students and regular fees apply. Information about AIS' fee structure is available [online](#)

### For how long can my child study through the Online English Language Course?

Students are able to participate in two Courses of Online Learning. Each Course is 10 weeks and the timing aligns with the school campus calendar. Families are encouraged to make school applications for on-campus learning during the Online Learning course to secure a school placement.

### What technology and applications will I need to access the Online English Language Course?

Students require access to a device for a minimum of 3 hours per day. A reliable internet connection is essential to all students learning through AIS Online Learning; this is particularly important for connecting with teachers and other students through video conferencing. Digital platforms have been trialled and accessible globally.

### If my child has questions about their Online English Language Course, who do we speak to and how long will it take for them to respond?

For questions on enrolments and fees please contact our [admissions team](#) and for questions on the Online Course work please contact your designated class teacher.

### How much time will my child spend learning online each day?

Students will access 1.5 hours of face to face lessons for Elementary students and 2 hours of face to face lessons for Secondary students. It is expected that additional independent work is completed outside of these hours.

### What does my child's online course schedule look like? What is a typical school day?

- **ELEMENTARY** - Once the student application has been approved by the academic team, students will receive their scheduled lesson times. Students are assigned to a morning or afternoon sessions based on class availability.
- **SECONDARY** - Once the student application has been approved by the academic team, students will receive their scheduled lesson times. Students are required to access learning for a AM/PM.

### Does my child have to log-in everyday to participate in the Online English Language Course? For example, can they do their schoolwork during evenings and weekends instead?

AIS Online Learning students are required to participate in their study program each weekday during AIS school hours. At specific times during the school day, students are required to log-in for face-to-face interaction. Additional learning engagements and homework is required to be completed by students at their own pace, when timing best suits them and their families.

### Will my child be able to meet any of their future classmates whilst studying through the Online English Language Course?

Yes, students will meet a range of peers through live weekly connection activities both from mainstream and English as an Additional Language classes. Once they are enrolled at AIS in a full-time capacity, they are designated a Homeroom/STRIVE class where they will be assigned a buddy and they can be introduced prior to arriving in Singapore.

If you have a question that has not been answered here, please contact the AIS Admissions Team [via email](#) or on +65 6517 0247.