

# LOTE (AUSLAN) Policy

St Albans East Primary School



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Rationale	<p>Learning Auslan at St Albans East Primary School contributes to the overall intellectual and social enrichment of the school community by providing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● opportunities for engagement with the Deaf community and insight into its rich cultural heritage</li><li>● opportunities to develop intercultural capabilities, understanding and respect for others, appreciation of diversity and openness to different perspectives and experiences.</li></ul>
Aim	<p>The Auslan LOTE program aims to develop the knowledge, understanding and skills to enable students to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● communicate in Auslan</li><li>● understand language, culture and learning and their relationship, and thereby develop an intercultural capability in communication</li><li>● understand themselves as communicators</li><li>● develop a knowledge and an understanding of the diversity of Deaf experience and the nature of identity.</li></ul>
Implementation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● St Albans East Primary School has an Auslan interpreter who instructs students for one hour on a fortnightly basis.</li><li>● Students at St Albans East Primary School learn Auslan as a second or additional language. This will typically be hearing students but may include hard of hearing or Deaf students who already have an established first language. These students are being introduced to Auslan for the first time as an additional language.</li><li>● All students will study a sequential Auslan (as a second learner) course based on the content descriptors contained within the Victorian Curriculum.</li><li>● The Auslan program will focus on communicating in Auslan and understanding the language, culture and diversity of the Deaf community.</li><li>● The program enriches the communication of current classroom units of work.</li><li>● The experience of Auslan will be available to every student.</li><li>● Professional development is undertaken by all staff members to ensure inclusiveness.</li></ul>
Evaluation	<p>This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three year review cycle.</p>
Review Year	<p>2021</p>