English as a Second Language:
"The Mercedes College English Support Programme (MESP)"

International students arriving at Mercedes College attend all mainstream classes and are given English Language and specific subject assistance/support during English Language and Humanities lessons. They undertake MESP programme during these lessons and as their English language progresses move back into all mainstream classes.

Rationale

- For full fee paying international students who have English language difficulties such as comprehending subject matter in their mainstream subjects;
- For full fee paying international students who enrol directly into Mercedes College from Assessment Level 1 and 2 countries (countries that are excluded from the 20 week Intensive English Course and with alternate English Language Tests);
- For students who have completed the 20 week Intensive English Language course at the SA Adelaide Language Centre with an ELICOS score of less than 5.

Aims

- To develop speaking, listening, reading and writing skills of the student;
- To familiarise students with teaching methodologies in Australia;
- To familiarise students with learning strategies;
- To develop specific English Language skills in the student;
- To develop a glossary of language required in specific subjects across the curriculum;
- To give classroom support to the full fee paying international students;
- To learn research skills that can be applied across the curriculum.

Resources

Tutorial style classroom with computers.

One full time teacher and 3 part time teachers involved in the programme. Teachers qualified to teach ESL, Humanities, Mathematics, Science and Social Sciences.

The full time teacher teaches a basic English course and prepares students for mainstream subjects with the International Baccalaureate Programme.

The assessment and reporting of these students follow the SSABSA and IBO guidelines in accordance with the Mercedes College reporting criteria and policy procedures.