**EAL/D programs and teachers at Girraween Public School**

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**Who are we?**  
We are the EAL/D teachers for 2014. You may see some of us in 2015. We are primary trained teachers who specialise in teaching English language skills.

**Who are EAL/D and LBOTE learners?**  
EAL/D means English as an Additional Language or Dialect.  
LBOTE means Language Background Other Than English.

EAL/D and LBOTE students are learners whose first language is a language or dialect other than Standard Australian English. EAL/D learners require additional support to assist them to develop English language proficiency.

**Why do we need EAL/D Programs?**  
EAL/D students need to learn English, learn in English and learn about English in order to successfully participate in school and home life in Australia. They have a diverse range of backgrounds and English language learning needs.

EAL/D students come to school with varying levels of education and knowledge of English. Some were born in Australia; others have recently arrived as permanent or temporary migrants, refugees or international students. Some have had the same amount of formal schooling in their home country as their class peers while others have had severely disrupted or no schooling due to war or civil disorder. Some students may have literacy skills in their first language while others do not.

Girraween PS provides specialised programs that cater for the diverse range of English language learning needs of all EAL/D students.

**How do we cater for the diverse learning needs of EAL/D students?**  
Our programs are organised a number of ways to accommodate the number of EAL/D students and teachers we have at Girraween PS.

1. **Direct teaching:** We withdraw students in small groups to provide intensive English support.  
2. **Collaborative teaching:** We collaborate with classroom teachers and teach the class together.  
3. **Resource teaching:** We work within the classroom as part of a rotating group during group-work.

Programs are not limited to literacy lessons but may include subject areas like maths, science and technology where reading and writing skills are needed and specific language skills need to be acquired.

If you have any questions about our programs please make an appointment at the office to talk to us.