



**Future Language School Pty Ltd
T/A Future Language School (FLS)**

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT HANDBOOK

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INTRODUCTION

Future Language School offers English Language Intensive Courses for Overseas Students (ELICOS), for those of whom English is a second language (ESL).

The range of courses offered is suitable for all levels of English and designed to prepare International students for NESB¹ and for further academic and professional opportunities.

Future Language School offers the following courses:

- General English
- IELTS Preparation

Our Vision

Future Language School is committed to providing a learning environment that motivates and encourages students to pursue further academic studies; to enhance career opportunities and to develop individuals with confidence regardless of background, culture and belief

Pledge

We enrich the lives of people. We provide learning in a fun, caring and responsive environment. This opens a world of opportunity for our students.

Promise

We are responsive and we care.

Core Values

Empathy, Commitment, Integrity, Fun & Teamwork

¹ NESB – Non English Speaking Background

Course information

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| <p>General English</p> | <p>Content Overview: The General English course is designed to provide students who have a language ability of beginner to advanced, with the opportunity to further develop their English language skills. Students may enroll in the course to develop their English for general purposes or to refresh/improve their skills before undertaking further study. The course allows students from Beginner level right up to Advanced level to develop their ESL skills in all four components of English - Listening, Reading, Writing and Speaking.</p> <p>Entry requirements: No requirements for Beginner level; to enter Elementary level or above students will need to satisfy the English entry level requirements. The level of English will be determined during the placement test on arrival.</p> <p>Duration: 10 weeks per level; total duration is 60 weeks CRICOS Course Code: 0102167 (Non-Award Program) Mode of Study: Face to face in-class mode Assessment Method: Formative assessment every 2 weeks in all components of English including presentation skills and debating. Summative assessment in the final week.</p> |
| <p>IELTS Preparation</p> | <p>Content Overview: The IELTS Preparation course gives all participating students a strong base for successfully completing the International English Language Test in either the General or the Academic mode. It is a 16-week-course based on a core textbook, which is supplemented with a wide range of additional materials. It is designed not only to practise examination techniques, but to develop the necessary skills required to achieve the required score in the examination. Students at the School will be exposed to a wide variety of materials covering a number of sample IELTS tests. The course is designed in a way to motivate learners with content based on up-to-date, interesting newly released materials as well as mixed media products like online tests and online resources.</p> <p>Entry requirements: Upper-intermediate level (FLS) / 5.5 (IELTS) / B2 (CEFR). To enter the IELTS Preparation Course students will need to satisfy the English entry level requirements. Students' level of English will be determined during the placement test on arrival.</p> <p>Duration: 16 weeks per level. CRICOS Course Code: 0102168 (Non-Award Program) Mode of Study: Face to face in-class mode Assessment Method: Formative assessment every 4 weeks in all IELTS components Summative assessment in the final week.</p> |
| <p>English For Academic Purposes (EAP)</p> | <p>Content Overview: English for Academic Purposes (EAP) is designed to focus on the development of English skills for vocational and higher education studies. Students will engage in activities that will help them execute spoken and written English required for their future academic studies. Learners will participate in minimum 20 hours a week of face-to-face English studies focusing on developing academic reading, writing, speaking, listening, note-taking, summary writing, essay writing and presentation skills. Students will develop these academic skills required for the appropriate level. Students will engage in both in-class and out-of-class (e.g. library visits for research) activities designed specifically to achieve the proposed learning outcomes. The tasks will be guided by the core and supplementary textbooks. The</p> |

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| | <p>full course consists of EAP1, EAP2 and EAP3 and thus there are three steps to achieve various exit level requirements. Pathway colleges may consider each level of achievement to satisfy their English language requirement.</p> <p>Entry requirements: EAP1: Intermediate level (FLS) / 4.5 (IELTS) / B1 (CEFR). EAP2: Upper-intermediate level (FLS) / 5.5 (IELTS) / B2 (CEFR). EAP3: Advanced level (FLS) / 6.5 (IELTS) / C1 (CEFR). To enter the EAP Course students will need to satisfy the English entry level requirements. Students' level of English will be determined during the placement test on arrival.</p> <p>Duration: 12 weeks per level/36 weeks in total. CRICOS Course Code: 102554F (Non-Award Program) Mode of Study: Face to face in-class mode Assessment Method: Students will be assessed through a variety of tasks required for vocational or higher educational studies. Six assessments are conducted per level and will cover areas such as essay writing, presentation, listening notes, reading analysis, etc.</p> |
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FLS Course entry requirements, levels and duration

| Entry level (IELTS) | | | 3.5 | 4.5 | 5.5 | 6.5 |
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| Exit level (IELTS) | | | 4.5 | 5.5 | 6.5 | 7.5 |
| Level | Beginner | Elementary | Pre-intermediate | Intermediate | Upper-intermediate | Advanced |
| GE | 10 weeks | 10 weeks | 10 weeks | 10 weeks | 10 weeks | 10 weeks |
| EAP1 and EAP2 | | | | 12 weeks | 12 weeks | 12 weeks |
| IELTS Preparation | | | | | 16 weeks | |

Our Location

Future Language School is located in Surry Hills, in the heart of Sydney. Just a few minute walk from Central train station FLS is near to parks, cafes, libraries, shopping centers and major attractions such as Sydney Opera House and Darling Harbor are just a short walk away. Travelling to Future Language School is easy from anywhere in Sydney. Train, bus and ferry stops are all close by. Sydney is a multi-cultural city and apart from meeting people from many parts of the world, visitors enjoy a variety of cuisines in cafes and restaurants.

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ESOS Framework

FLS is committed to providing you with quality education and protecting your rights.

The Australian Government requires overseas students in Australia to have a safe, enjoyable and rewarding place to study. Australia's laws promote quality education and consumer protection for overseas students. These laws are known as the ESOS framework and they include the Education Service for Overseas (ESOS) Act 2000 and the National Code.

Protection for Overseas Students

As an overseas student on a student visa, you must study with an education provider and in a course that can be found on the Commonwealth Register of Institutions and Courses for overseas Students (CRICOS) at <http://www.studyinaustralia.gov.au/CRICOS> registration guarantees that the course and the education provider at which you study meet the high standards necessary for overseas students. Please check carefully that the details of your course – including location – match the information on CRICOS.

Your Rights

The ESOS framework protects your rights, including:

- Your right to receive, before enrolling, current and accurate information about the courses, fees, modes of study and other information from your provider and your provider's agent.
- Your rights to sign a written agreement with your provider before or as you pay fees, setting out the services to be provided, fees payable and information about refunds of course money. You should keep a copy of your written agreement.
- Your rights to get the education you paid for. The ESOS framework includes consumer protection that will allow you to receive a refund or to be placed in another course if your provider is unable to teach your course.
- Your rights to know:
 - How to use your provider's student support services
 - Who the contact officer is for overseas students
 - If you can apply for course credit
 - When your enrolment can be deferred, suspended or cancelled
 - What your provider's requirements are for satisfactory progress in the courses you study

- If attendance will be monitored for those courses
- What will happen if you change providers
- How to use your provider’s complaints and appeals process

Your Responsibilities

- As an overseas student on a student visa, you have responsibilities to:
- Satisfy your student visa condition
- Maintain your Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) for the period of your stay
- Meet the terms of the written agreement with your provider
- Inform your provider if you change your address
- Maintain satisfactory course progress

Code of Conduct for Students

- Strive to do your best
- Be punctual and pay attention to your teachers
- Be respectful and obedient
- Do not cheat
- Be safe at school. Obey all safety rules
- Do not offend or embarrass others
- If you are absent from class it is your responsibility to complete any work on your own
- Respect FLS facilities and resources by taking care of them when you are using them
- Use clean computer disks to ensure no viruses are transferred
- Be prepared for each lesson with a notebook and pen
- Keep FLS up-to-date with your address and contact number.
- Dress appropriately, wear shoes and take off hats and caps when in class
- Maintain a minimum of 80% attendance
- Any unacceptable behaviour include petty theft, sexual harassment, refusal to follow instructions from staff members, and being disruptive, will be reported to the AM who will take disciplinary action

As a student at FLS you have the right to enjoy a safe and supportive environment without harassment or discrimination.

Contact Details

| For information about | Who to contact | How |
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| Applications | Admissions | Email address: info@futurelanguageschool.com.au and/ or phone; +61 02 9169 8979 |
| Policies and procedures that affect you | Student Services Officers (SSO) | Level 4,28 Foveaux Street Sydney NSW 2000 Ph: 02 02 9169 8979 |
| Your ESOS rights and responsibilities | Department of Education and Training | ESOS Helpline: 1300 615 262 https://internationaleducation.gov.au/Regulatory-Information/Documents/ESOSFrameworkfactsheetfinaldraft9May2014(2).pdf E: iehotline@education.gov.au |

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| Your VISA matters | Department of Home Affairs (DHA) | Website: www.immi.gov.au Phone 131 881 in Australia Contact the DHA office in your country |
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Our Facilities

Our classrooms are modern, air-conditioned, have good lighting and are insulated against outside noise or interference from other classes.

They are fitted with sufficient power points, teacher and student furniture. General facilities for students include:

- Language Assistance
- Computer Labs
- Study Library
- Care and Counselling
- Social Programs

Students' special needs

All students are required to fill out a special learning needs form to identify any language, literacy, numeracy, learning style, physical, intellectual, cultural and religious issues which may impact upon their ability to effectively study with FLS. A customised learning plan and approach will be created to ensuring the student receives suitable and personalised instruction.

Orientation

All students must attend a compulsory orientation program on their course commencement date for each course. Students must inform FLS if they are not able to commence their course as soon as possible prior to their course commencement date. Under *The Education Services for Overseas Students Act 2000 (ESOS Act)*, if a student has not commenced studies or made contact with FLS by the scheduled commencement date he/she will be reported to Department of Immigration via PRISMS within five (5) working days of the scheduled commencement date.

¹ **Provider Registration and International Students Management System (PRISMS)** This site provides Australian education providers with the Confirmation-of-Enrolment (CoE) facilities required for compliance with the [Education Services for Overseas Students \(ESOS\) Legislation](#)

At orientation FLS will discuss all the items that are covered below and make sure you understand them. This will make your entry to FLS comfortable and give you a good understanding of FLS policies, as well as your rights and obligations. On orientation day, you will be instructed on matters such as:

Address notification and changes of address
Allocation to classes
Appeals and Complaints
Attendance
Changing classes / courses (at an extra cost)
Class timetable
Documents - Photos for ID - Copies of Passport pages

Explanation of basic requirements
Leave - medical and other leave
New Student Information forms
Work Health & Safety procedures, Evacuation Procedures, Fire Exits
Payments
Student handbook – main headings e.g. Complaints and Appeal procedures
Tour of FLS
Use of the Internet
All English students will do a placement test

Accommodation and Living Expenses

An international single student living in Sydney requires approximately AU\$18,600 to \$25,800 for living expenses each year.

Note: This figure does not include tuition fees.

Remember that your cost of living in Sydney will vary according to your lifestyle. For example, eating out at restaurants all the time will increase your living costs a lot, as will driving a car (you will have to pay for petrol, registration, maintenance and insurance, as well as the car itself).

Suggested weekly budget (all figures are in Australia dollars and accurate as of 2014):

Accommodation ranges from \$150 to \$350 a week (for a room in a shared house or apartment)

Food costs range from \$70 to \$120 a week.

Public transport costs range from \$30 to \$50 a week. For more information please visit Sydney Transport www.131500.com.au/fares/fares

For more information please visit Study in Australia www.studyinaustralia.gov.au/en/study-costs/living/living-costs-in-australia

Accommodation Options

Homestay services provide an opportunity to stay with an Australian family and experience the Australian culture and lifestyle. If you need Homestay, we ask our students to tick ‘yes’ on the application form. We will send you the contacts of suppliers of this service for you to make your personal choice and suburb of where you want to stay. Most Homestay is a minimum stay of 4 weeks. For Homestay fees, please see the information sent to you once you request this information from us, or visit our website as these prices are also listed under accommodation tab.

Hostel accommodation is a popular option for international students, especially in the first months of their arrival. A small, furnished room is provided with access to a shared bathroom, laundry, lounge and recreational activities. Some hostels also provide computer access. You should inspect more than one before making a decision. Many hostels are privately run and come under the Rooming House Act. If you sign a lease, you are protected by the Residential Tenancies Act.

Apartment/flat rentals vary greatly in cost and condition. Before making long term arrangements, make sure you are familiar with the suburb or area. Before you sign a lease agreement you should get short term accommodation so that you can decide where you want to live.

Banking

It is recommended that you open a bank account soon after arriving. Banks in Australia provide savings and cheque accounts plus a range of other financial services including personal loans, bank drafts and transfer of funds. Exchange of currencies and the purchase of foreign currencies can also be conducted at banks. Travellers cheques can be cashed at banks but you will need to show your passport for identification.

Commonwealth Bank (CBA)
 546 George Street
www.commbank.com.au

Westpac Bank
 591 George Street
www.westpac.com.au

Opening a Bank Account

If you have been in Australia for less than six weeks, your passport will be enough identification to open a bank account. If you have been in Australia for more than six weeks, you will need some further identification such as your student identity card. Before choosing a bank and a particular account, you should compare interest rates, bank fees, etc. Some banks do provide student account where only government fees are charged.

Most students open an account that has access to an automated teller machine (ATM) via a card. Cash is then accessible 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Most supermarkets and shopping places have facilities to purchase goods with your ATM card known as EFTPOS facilities.

Banking Hours

Banking hours vary, but these are the general banking hours of most banks: Monday to Thursday: 9.00am to 4.00pm, Friday: 9.00am to 5.00pm, Saturday and Sunday closed. Some banks may open Saturday mornings

Places of Worship

There is complete freedom of religion in Australia. Most of the world religions are represented in Sydney and have their own places of worship. These can be found in the Sydney White Pages, listed alphabetically under the denomination.

The majority of Australians are Christian, the three largest denominations being Anglican, Roman Catholic and Uniting Church. Smaller Christian denominations include Lutheran, Jehovah's Witness, Seventh Day Adventist and Baptist. Other major religions with a great many adherents in Australia include Judaism, Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism and Taoism.

Emergency Contact

For Emergency assistance with Police, Ambulance and Fire Brigade **call 000**

Emergency Contact for a Manager on behalf of FLS call 0438 878 423

Emergency, Health Services and Useful Numbers

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| Police, Ambulance Fire | 000 |
| Future Language School Student Service Officer | 02 9169 8979 |
| BUPA helpline | 1800 888 942 |
| Dept of Home Affairs (DHA) | 131881 |
| Domestic Violence Line (24 hours) | 1800 656 463 |
| Health Services Australia (Medical Examination) | 02 83960600 |
| International Directory Service | 1225 |
| Kids Help Line | 1800 551 800 |
| Lifeline Counselling Service (Telephone Counselling) | 131114 |
| Privacy Hotline | 1300 363 992 |
| Public Transport Information Line (Timetables, etc) | 131500 |
| Smoking Quit Line | 131 848 |

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| Telephone Directory Assistance | 12455 |
| The Head Office | 02 8263 1200 |
| Translating and Interpreting Service (24 hours) | 131450 |

Counselling and Mental Health Services available 24 hours

Telephone Counselling Services:

- Lifeline 131114
- Salvo Crisis Line 9331 2000
- International Student Emergency Line 1800 814 781

Specialist and Welfare Telephone Services available 24 hours

- Domestic Violence Service 1800 656 463
- Rape Crisis Centre 9819 6565
- Women’s and Girl’s Emergency Centre 93605388
- Poisons Information Service 131126

Community Services

- ARAFMI (Assoc. of Relatives & Friends of the Mentally Ill) 9805 1883
- Abortion Grief Counselling 1300 363 550
- Abortion Trauma & Crisis Pregnancy Help 1300 737 732
- Alcohol & Drug Info Service 9361 8000
- G-Line (Gambling Counselling) 1800 633 649
- Men’s Line Australia 1300 789 978
- Mission Australia Helpline 1300 886 999
- Pregnancy Help Line 1300 139 313

Housing

- Tenants Union of NSW Hotline 9251 6590
- Youth Emergency Accommodation Line 9318 1531 (recorded info)

Money & Credit

- Credit Helpline 1800 808 488
- Moneycare Counselling Service 9633 5011
- Fair Trading 1800 802 055
- Welfare Rights Centre 9211 5300

Department of Industrial Relations:

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| Wageline | 1300 369 945 |
| Workplace Rights Hotline | 1300 737 841 |
| Employment | 1300 369 925 |

02 9284 9600

Human Rights & Equal Opportunity Commission

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| Complaints Info Line | 1300 656 419 |
| General Enquiries | 1300 369 711 |

Legal

- International Students Legal Advice Service 9698 7645
- Legal Aid, NSW 9219 5000
- Ombudsman's Office of NSW 9286 1000

Legal Services

Listed below are lists of Legal Services available in the Sydney Metropolitan area. This section is relevant to all our students who may require legal advice or solutions.

International Students Legal Advice Service is in Redfern and this is a free service. www.rlc.org.au

Legal Aid New South Wales – <http://www.legalaid.nsw.gov.au/asp/index.asp>

Combined Community Legal Centres group (NSW) inc. – <http://www.nswclc.org.au>

Legal Choice NSW – <http://legalchoice.com.au/>

Medical Assistance

Listed below are some contact details for medical centres, opticians and dentists that are located near FLS.

Crown St Medical Centre

351 Crown St, Surry Hills NSW 2010

Tel: (02) 9360 3338

Surry Hills Medical Centre

569-573 Crown St, Surry Hills NSW 2010

Tel: (02) 9699 3311

Information on Sydney

Listed below are some useful websites with information about Sydney:

Discover Sydney – www.discoverysydney.com.au

Australian Tourist Commission – www.sydney.com.au

Sydney City Search – <http://Sydney.citysearch.com.au/>

Official City of Sydney Site – www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au

Lonely Planet – www.lonelyplanet.com/destinations/australiasia/sydney

Sydney Post – www.sydneypost.com

Tourism New South Wales – www.tourism.nsw.gov.au

Sydney Morning Herald – www.smh.com.au

Sydney Transport – www.sydneytransport.net.au

Bureau of Meteorology – <http://www.bom.gov.au/>

Counselling

Counselling provided by our Welfare Counsellor is available to those studying at FLS on matters ranging from private concerns to living issues.

Students can see the counsellor for a variety of reasons. Everyone finds themselves in difficult circumstances at some time in their lives. Sometimes students want to speak to someone who is professional, confidential and separate from family and friends.

Reasons to speak with the Counsellor

If you are having personal difficulties, or just want to talk about:

- Your special needs
- Your disability
- Relationships
- Family issues
- Ongoing problems with anxiety, stress, shyness, depression, low self esteem
- If you need moral support in attempting something challenging

FLS will provide access to welfare related support services to assist students at no additional cost to the student, which includes counselling services. In some cases, FLS counsellor may refer you to an external provider, which will be at no additional cost, however, the external provider may have their own service fees, and students may have to pay this fee). Please see Student Services Officer to learn more about Counselling Services that are offered and to make an appointment.

Academic counselling provided by the DOS will be available to students who have questions about a course or future study options. Appointments can be made via Student Services Officers.

Learning and library

Teacher support class is available from Monday to Thursday throughout the year. A fully qualified, experienced teacher is on hand to help students with supplementary materials and learning programs. This is an excellent way to streamline your skills.

FLS also has a Reading Lounge available for students with a fully stocked library of resources amongst non-fiction and fiction books suitable for ESL students. These books are available for one-week loan, too.

Facilities and Equipment

Facilities and equipment are set up, checked and maintained regularly to ensure effective, efficient and safe operation. Students have access to necessary instructional and assessment facilities, materials and equipment.

Training facilities include:

- Adequate acoustics, ventilation and lighting
- Amenities for coffee and lunch breaks
- Toilet facilities
- Computer labs
- Free wireless internet
- Student lounge and lunch area

Library

FLS has a reference library which has supporting English textbooks, plus other additional reference books for further support for English learning. The library has PC's available to use. Students can also use the PC's inside the classrooms for self study during breaks. These computers are there for students to use.

Students are provided with the correct information to enable them to have access to the State Library of NSW from which they can resource services online through their State Library membership.

Attendance Policy

The class roll is a record of attendance which clearly records your actual time in the class room. Attendance is recorded on the roll at every session for 20 hours per week. If you have a student visa, your required attendance rate is 80% over the period of your studies.

If you fall below the 80 percent attendance requirement for the duration of your Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE), FLS may report you to the Department of Immigration.

You must notify FLS if you are sick and unable to attend classes. You should seek the services of a qualified medical doctor (ie. a registered General Practitioner) for treatment, and ask for a Medical Certificate to explain your absence.

Absences need to be supported by a medical certificate and are counted towards your total absences when calculating attendance.

If you are absent for 4 consecutive days FLS will contact you by phone or e-mail to find out the reason for your falling attendance and to see what support FLS can offer.

Attendance Warning Letters

1st Warning Letter

Once your attendance has dropped to 85% (i.e. you have missed 15% of the course contact hours for the study period) a warning letter will be sent to you by the Student Services Officer.

2nd Warning Letter (Intention to Report)

Once it is no longer possible for you to attain 80% attendance for the study period.

You will be notified in writing of FLS's intention to report you for not achieving satisfactory attendance. The written notification will also inform you that you have 20 working days after receiving the notice to lodge an appeal. It is important to remember you must obtain documented evidence to support your appeal.

If you do not appeal within the 20 working day period process, or the process is completed and results in a decision supporting FLS, FLS will report you.

FLS may choose not to report you for attending less than 80 per cent if:

- there is documentary evidence demonstrating that compassionate or compelling circumstances apply
- you are attending at least 70 per cent of the course contact hours for which you are enrolled;
- this is consistent with FLS's documented attendance policies and procedures.

Compassionate or Compelling Circumstances affecting Attendance

Such examples include:

- unexpected severe illness or death of a family member (supported by a medical certificate which states you were unable to attend classes)
- you are involved in custody proceedings for your child (statutory declaration witnessed by a Justice of the Peace required)
- you or an accompanying family member has an acute medical condition requiring treatment (supporting documentation required)
- you have been involved in legal proceedings where the timing is beyond your control (supporting documentation required)

- you have been caught up in a natural disaster, political uprising or other similar event (supporting documentation required)
- you have an accident, fall seriously ill or contract a serious medical condition after arriving in Australia (supporting documentation required)
- delay in receiving your student visa (supported by relevant documentation)
- you are pregnant (statutory declaration witnessed by the Student Welfare Officer required)
- you witness or are the victim of a serious crime (supported by police or psychologists' reports)
- other (attach supporting documentation)

The following, would NOT be considered compelling or compassionate circumstances or a critical incident:

- difficulties in adjusting to living in Australia or academic life
- A wedding
- relationship problems
- financial difficulties
- generally feeling “depressed” about circumstances where the depression is not clinically diagnosed by a qualified professional.
- inability to begin studying on the course commencement date because travel has not been organised in time.

Maintaining satisfactory attendance is a student visa requirement. If your attendance falls below the required level, FLS will cancel your COE.

If you have any questions about the student visa conditions and the possible outcome of breaching them, you should access the Department of Immigration website - <http://www.immi.gov.au/> or call the helpline on 131 881 for information.

Terms & Study Periods

There are no terms for English students. Classes, or study periods, operate on a rolling 49-week academic year with a 3 week scheduled break over the Christmas/New Year period.

Non-award English Courses

For English courses, if you change course and get a new Confirmation of Enrolment, or extend your enrolment in the current course, getting a new Confirmation of Enrolment, your attendance is monitored over each of the Confirmation of Enrolments separately, rather than over the entire period of your enrolment.

Class Times

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| Shift 1 | Mon-Fri | Lesson 1: 8am-10am | Break: 10am-10:15am | Lesson 2: 10:15am-12:15pm |
| Shift 2 | Mon-Fri | Lesson 1: 12:30pm-2:30pm | Break: 2:30pm-2:45pm | Lesson 2: 2:45pm-4:45pm |
| Shift3 | Mon-Fri or | Lesson 1: 5:00pm-7:00pm | Break: 7:00pm-7:15pm | Lesson 2: 7:15pm-9:15pm |
| | 3 evenings /week + Sat | Weekdays: Lesson 1: 5:00pm-7:00pm | Break: 7:00pm-7:15pm | Lesson 2: 7:15pm-9:15pm |
| | | Saturday: Lesson 1: 8am-10am Break: 12:15pm-12:45pm Lesson 4: 3:00pm-5:00pm | Break: 10am-10:15am Lesson 3: 12:45pm-2:45pm | Lesson 2: 10:15am-12:15pm Break: 2:45pm-3:00pm |

Text Book Prices

A textbook is required for your course. The \$150 material fee (every 10 weeks) includes the cost of the textbook.

For more information contact info@futurelanguageschool.com.au

Additional Costs

Additional charges will be added for a number of services as listed below:

| Non-Tuition fees | | |
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| Fee Name | Description | Refundable |
| Airport Pickup | When Student arrives – Optional fees. Charge is \$300 | Yes, if cancelled 4 Weeks before arrival. FLS will charge \$50 refund processing fees |
| Accommodation Placement Fee | \$300 | Non-Refundable |
| OSHC (Overseas Student Health Cover) Fee (Ref: http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/content/overseas+student+health+cover+faq-1) | Payment of Overseas Health Cover Fees is payable upon acceptance of offer of Enrolment and signing of contract. | Refer to OSHC provider Refund policy. FLS will charge \$50 refund processing fees |
| Material Fees | \$150.00 (Every 10 weeks) | Refundable |
| Attendance Letter | \$150 | Non-refundable |
| Late Payment of Tuition Fee | \$100 per week | Non-refundable |
| Overdue Tuition Fee. More than 5 working days | \$200 (another \$200 on top of the above \$200) | Non-refundable |
| Re-enrolment Fee | \$250 | Non-refundable |
| Refund Processing Fee | \$250 | Non-refundable |
| Reissue of Photo Id Card | \$25 | Non-refundable |
| Release Letter | No charge | N/A |
| Replacement Certificate | \$100 | Non-refundable |
| Student Letter by Request | \$150 | Non-refundable |
| Course Deferment Fee | \$100 | Non-refundable |

*All amounts are in Australian dollars (AUD)

Cancellation and Refund Policy

1. Airport Pick-Up Fees are non-refundable whether you complete your course or not.
2. A \$500 fee is payable for administering course cancellation after course commencement
3. Where a student has cancelled prior to commencement a fee of \$150 is charged for processing the refund, except in visa rejection cases.
4. An administrative charge of \$100 is made to vary an application e.g. Change of Start Date, Change of Course

5. Tuition Fees and OSHC (if you have paid OSHC to FLS) are refunded in full if your visa application is rejected and you provide official written notification of the refusal from the Australian Government.
6. Student Default: No refund will be made if a student:
 - has given false or misleading information
 - fails to comply with the conditions of enrolment at FLS
 - is in breach of their visa requirements as imposed by the Australian Government
 - withdraws after the commencement date of the course
7. Tuition fee refund: If you give written notice of your intention to withdraw from a course
 - 40 days or more before the commencement date, tuition fees will be refunded less a cancellation fee of 15%.
 - more than 5 days before the commencement date, tuition fees will be refunded less a cancellation fee of 30%.
 - less than 5 days before course commencement date, tuition fees will be refunded less a cancellation fee of 45%.

Refund procedure:

1. You must complete the Refund Application Form.
2. Your refund will be processed within 4 weeks of receipt of your completed refund application if it includes all the required documents. A written statement will be provided to the student to explain how the refund is calculated.
3. Where 2 or more courses are packaged, the conditions apply to all elements. Note that for packaged courses the course start date is taken to be the start date of the first course.
4. Commencement of the course is defined as the course start date recorded in the first Application form submitted by the student or agent and not subsequent changes to the starting date.
5. All refunds will attract an administration charge of \$150.00, except for visa refusal.
6. Course and other Fees are not transferable to another student or institution but may be transferred to another course within FLS at the discretion of FLS.
7. Any approved refunds are made payable to and sent to the student or his/her agent, in the country of origin as applicable in Australian dollars.
8. Bank charges are deducted for refunds made by bank draft or electronic transfer.
9. Provider Default: In the unlikely event that FLS is unable to deliver your course in full starting from the agreed date, you will be offered a full refund within 2 weeks after the default date.
10. Fees for services paid to education agents by students are not covered by this refund policy.
11. This refund policy applies to all tuition fees paid to FLS and includes any tuition fees paid to an education agent to be remitted to FLS.
12. All refund considerations will be strictly limited to the monies paid, which FLS has received from the student as tuition fees only i.e. exclusive of all non-refundable fees and agents' commission (whether this commission was deducted before or after student payment to FLS).

This policy does not remove the right of the student to take further action under Australia's Consumer Protection Laws http://www.australia.gov.au/Consumer_Protection

Certificate for English Students

All students who complete a full program/level will receive a certificate at the end of their course. This certificate will state your name, class level, course type, duration and grade. The grading system explains in full how the teacher has rated your performance for speaking, listening, reading and writing in English.

In order to be eligible for a certificate at the stated level, a student must have spent the required number of weeks in the program/level:

- Minimum of 10 weeks per level for the General English Course
- Minimum of 16 weeks per level for the IELTS Preparation Course
- Minimum of 12 weeks per level for the EAP Course

General English and IELTS students must achieve 60% overall score with no less than 50% in individual scores in order to obtain a certificate. EAP students need to achieve 50% overall score in EAP1 / 60% overall score in EAP2 / 70% overall score in EAP3 to obtain a certificate.

Students who do not meet the above requirements regarding the length of the enrolment and the satisfactory achievement will be issued a Confirmation Letter instead. Students who require a certificate but do not meet the requirements will be advised to extend the course.

Change of Class

You cannot transfer from one class to another without a valid reason. If you request to change class, you must complete a Change of Class form available from the Student Services Officer.

English language students should first discuss the change with their teacher and/or Academic Manager.

Change of Course

If you decide to change your course, you must complete a Change of Course form available from the Student Services Officer's desk and submit it. A course changing fee will apply (\$100) and you may have to pay the difference in fees.

Complaints and Appeals

How to make a complaint, how to deal with a complaint and how to find support

What can a complaint be about?

- The service provided by our Student Services Officers
- Your class, your level or your Teacher
- Any problem that you may have
- Anything else that you are not happy about

Who can make a complaint?

Any person can make a complaint, including a student, any employee or contractor in any campus or location where the organisation's services are provided.

How can a complaint be made?

A complaint can be made orally or in writing. You can make a complaint by speaking to your Teacher or the Student Services Officer. If your complaint cannot be resolved by speaking to our staff you can fill in a complaints form and help with this will be provided if you need it. *You are entitled to have a support person present when making the complaint and at any other meeting. The Academic Manager will inform you about the complaints and appeals processes during the orientation program. You will be provided with information on how to access the complaints forms. While all complaints and appeals are in process, FLS will maintain the enrolment of the student.

Informal Complaint

Most problems can be resolved quickly if students speak with someone who knows how to help. You do NOT have to give your name.

*Talk to someone**Formal Complaint*

If the matter cannot be resolved by talking to someone a Complaints & Appeals form should be filled in and given to the Student Services Officer. There are no associated fees for this.

*Fill in a complaints form*

It is preferable (but not essential) that you write your name on the complaint form and sign it. Students should be aware that, in some instances, a complaint cannot proceed if it is anonymous or if you request that your identity be withheld. We will assess your complaint within 10 working days and all reasonable measures are taken to finalise the process as soon as possible. If you have made a complaint you will be given a written statement of the outcome, including details and the reasons for the outcome.

The Outcome of a Complaint

It is not always possible to ensure that a student is satisfied with the outcome of a complaint. FLS is bound by policy and legislative requirements which means that it will not always be possible to give the student the outcome they are looking for.

External Complaints or Appeals

If a student is dissatisfied with the outcome of the complaint or appeal at the end of the internal process, the student may wish the matter be dealt with through an external dispute resolution process facilitated by the Overseas Students Ombudsman. FLS does not charge any student for the referrals to external support services/agencies.

Things you should know about complaining to the Overseas Students Ombudsman (OSO)

- In Australia, you have the right to complain.
- The Overseas Students Ombudsman's services are free.
- In some cases, the Ombudsman may decide not to investigate your complaint. This might happen where another organisation can help you, or you have not spoken to your provider about your complaint.

- If OSO decides **not** to investigate, they will tell you why. The Overseas Students Ombudsman may refer you to another organisation that can help.
- The Ombudsman is independent and impartial. If OSO **does** decide to investigate your complaint, they will contact the education provider and ask us what happened.
- The Overseas Students Ombudsman will treat your information with privacy and respect, and collect, store, use and disclose your personal information only in accordance with Australian privacy laws.

Making a complaint to the Overseas Student Ombudsman (OSO)

Online

You can make your complaint online via the following link:

http://www.ombudsman.wa.gov.au/Complaints/Student_Complaint_Form.htm

Note: In order to use the online complaint form, you need to have the Adobe Reader installed. If you don't already have it, you can [download the latest Adobe Reader version for free from the Adobe website](#).

Telephone

You can contact the OSO by telephone, 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday, Australian Eastern Standard Time (AEST). In Australia, call: 1300 362 072 (calls from mobile phones at mobile phone rates). Outside Australia, call +61 2 6276 0111.

Using an interpreter

If you want to make a complaint in your language you can. Call the Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS) in Australia on 131 450. Outside Australia call +61 3 9203 4027. We will pay for the interpreter.

If you are deaf, hearing or sight impaired you can contact us via the National Relay Service. Teletypewriter (TTY) users phone 133 677 and then ask for 1300 362 072. Speak and Listen users phone 1300 555 727 and then ask for 1300 362 072. Internet Relay users connect to the National Relay Service www.iprelay.com.au and then ask for 1300 362 072

Fax

You can send OSO a fax. In Australia: 02 6276 0123. Outside Australia: +61 2 6276 0123.

Mail

You can write a letter and post it to: Overseas Students Ombudsman
GPO Box 442, Canberra ACT 2601 AUSTRALIA

A number of organisations can deal with your appeal at a minimal or no cost such as:

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| The Ombudsman | 92861000 |
| Legal Aid Commission of NSW | 92195000 |
| ACPET Australian Council for Private Education & Training | 1800 657 644 |
| Office of Protective Commissioner | 86882600 |
| Anti-Discrimination Board | 92685544 |
| Human Rights & Equal Opportunity Commission | 92849600 |

** PLEASE NOTE: Students may be accompanied by and assisted by a support person at any relevant meetings.*

Legislation relating to complaints

When complaining, certain legislation could be referred to, such as:

- Disability Services Act 1993 (NSW State);
- Anti Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW State);
- Human Rights Commission Act 1981 (Commonwealth);
- Disability Discrimination Act 1992 (Commonwealth); and the
- Racial Discrimination Act 1975 (Commonwealth).

Accreditation Agency

In Australia, accredited vocational and English education and training is regulated by the Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA). ASQA regulates courses and training providers to ensure nationally approved quality standards are met.

Students can contact these government bodies on matters relating to the operations and standards of delivery at FLS.

The contact details are given below:

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|-----------------|--|
| Governing Body: | Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA) |
| Address: | Level 10 255 Elizabeth Street, Sydney, NSW 2010 |
| Postal Address: | GPO Box 9928, Melbourne, VIC, 3001 |
| Phone Number: | 1300 701 801 |
| Website: | www.asqa.gov.au |

ASQA's functions include:

- registering training providers as 'registered training organisations' (RTOs)
- recommending RTOs as CRICOS providers—providers that can enrol international students
- accrediting vocational education and training VET and ELT courses
- ensuring RTOs comply with the conditions and standards for registration, by carrying out compliance audits.

ASQA may also collect, analyse and publish information on the ELT sector and ELT providers.

Leave of Absence

Students who wish to defer, suspend or cancel enrolment can apply to do so only if the course in which they were enrolled is unavailable, their visa is delayed or there are compassionate or compelling circumstances. Compassionate or compelling circumstances are usually beyond the control of the student and have an impact on the student's course progress or the student's well-being. Compassionate or compelling circumstances include:

- serious injury or illness, supported by a medical certificate which states that the student was or will be unable to attend classes bereavement of close family members such as parents or grandparents
- major political upheaval or natural disaster in the home country, requiring emergency travel which has had an impact on the student's studies
- traumatic experiences such as the being a victim of, being involved in, or witnessing, a serious crime

Effect of deferral, suspension or cancellation of enrolment on a student's visa

Deferral, suspension or cancellation of an enrolment is likely to have an effect on a student's visa. Students should contact the nearest Department of Immigration office or refer to www.immi.gov.au for further information. All deferrals, suspensions and cancellations of enrolment are notified to the Department of Immigration via the PRISMS system and all documentation about the deferral, suspension or cancellation of a student is filed in the student's file.

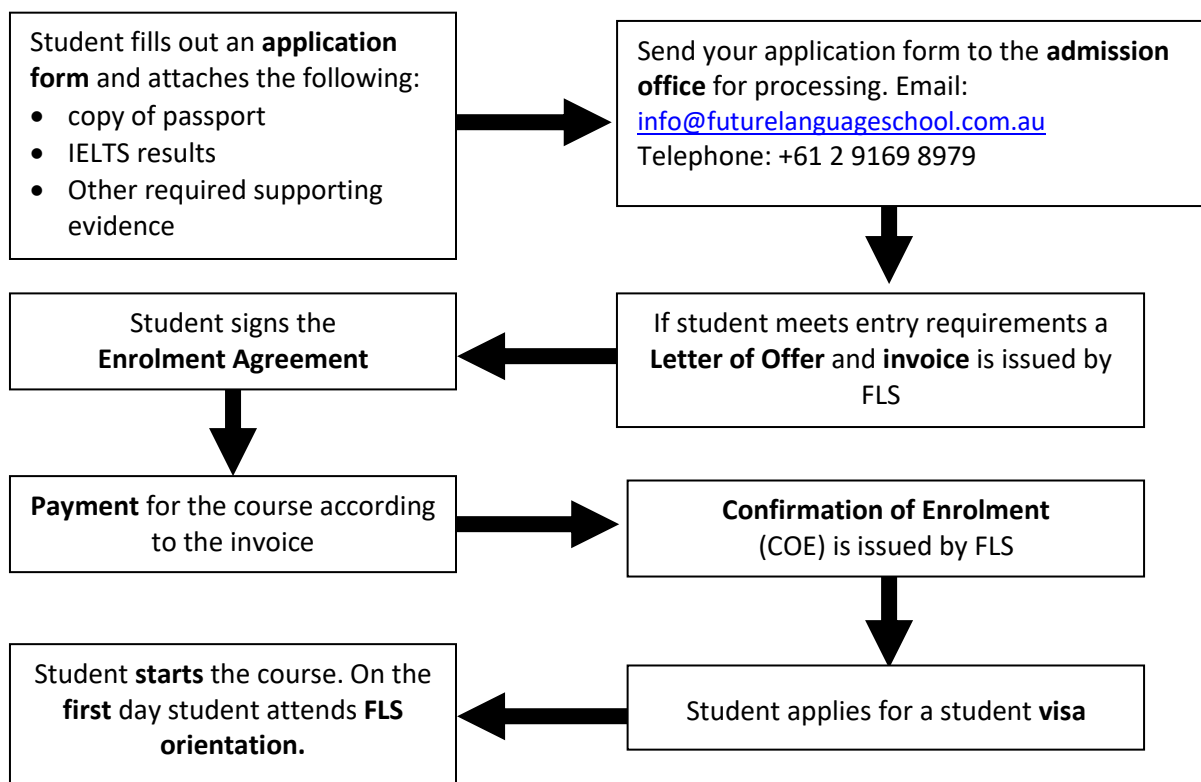
How to Apply for Leave of Absence

To apply for leave of absence, the student must allow at least 15 working days. Students need to complete the application and hand it in to the student services officer with supporting evidence for the application. Tuition fees must be paid until the end date of the leave of absence. The application will be assessed by the Academic Manager who may refer you to the Welfare Counsellor.

The Student Services Officer will advise the student if the application has been approved within a week of submission. If your application is approved the Department of Immigration is informed. This will prevent any problems with your Visa conditions.

If your application is DECLINED the student can use the internal appeals process. The student Services Officer will explain this procedure.

Enrolment Procedure



Full - time Study

As part of a student’s visa conditions, overseas students in Australia must study full time (minimum 20 hours per week).

Medical Problems

If you can’t attend FLS because you are sick you must get a valid medical certificate **from a Doctor**. This document will state the reason for your illness and the dates you are unable to attend FLS. You must take this certificate to your student services officer who will copy it and keep it in your student file. We will record the details on our student database. You will still be marked ‘absent’ but it will be taken into consideration by Department of Immigration if your attendance falls below 80%. You should keep the original copy as Department of Immigration may wish to see it. It is a crime in Australia to forge a medical certificate, and the Australian Medical Association may pursue criminal charges against any student who forges a certificate.

Work Health and Safety Act 2011

FLS is required to maintain a safe working environment for all students and staff members. Industry Work Health and Safety specifications are available on request from the Academic Manager.

FLS is not solely responsible for maintaining safety. Each individual has a responsibility to work and study safely and to follow the prescribed safety guidelines while they are studying at FLS. Anyone who detects a safety problem should notify a teacher immediately so that the problem can be fixed.

Overseas Student Health Cover

All international visitors to Australia under a student visa are required by law to have Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC). Students are required to pay for this cover prior to arriving in Australia. Students are covered by the OSHC from the day they arrive in Australia, until the end date of their visa.

- On enrolment all international students must pay a fee for health insurance in accordance with the length of their course.
- You can arrange the Overseas Student Health Cover yourself, or FLS can assist you with various health providers.

Critical Incident Information

In the event of a critical incident, FLS recognises that appropriate infrastructure must be in place to ensure the provision of all necessary support services.

This document outlines FLS policy, support mechanisms and procedures for managing a critical incident.

A critical incident is defined by the National Code (under Standard 6) as 'a traumatic event, or the threat of such (within or outside Australia), which causes extreme stress, fear or injury'. Critical incidents are not limited to, but could include:

- Missing students
- Severe verbal or psychological aggression
- Death, serious injury or any threat of these
- Natural disaster
- Issues such as domestic violence, sexual assault, and drug or alcohol abuse.

Non life threatening events could still qualify as critical incidents.

The Educational Services for Overseas Students Act requires FLS to notify Department of Immigration via PRISMS as soon as practical after the incident. In the case of a student's death or other absence affecting the student's attendance, the incident will be reported via the Provider Registration and International Student Management System (PRISMS).

When an international student dies or sustains a serious injury, FLS may be required to assist the student's family.

On-campus Incidents

If the critical incident is on campus and involves death, serious injury or a threat to life or property, the Academic Manager, the PEO and Welfare Counsellor are informed immediately.

Off-campus Incidents

If the critical incident involves a student or staff member and is off-campus, the person receiving the information must immediately contact the Emergency contact number of 0433 718 119 (Vivian Peng) and the Director Of Studies who will communicate to other staff as appropriate. The emergency contact is available 24/7.

Disclosure

We do not disclose personal information to third parties without the owner's consent, unless required or permitted by law. We may be required by law to disclose some personal information

to Australian government organisations and to the Fund Manager of the ESOS Assurance Fund, Commonwealth and State agencies, in accordance with legislative requirements.

Personal information may be disclosed for the prevention, detection or investigation of criminal conduct, or in certain circumstances in the interest of public health or public safety.

We are required by law to inform the Department of Immigration if an overseas student visa holder:

- Changes the course of study for which she/he is enrolled.
- Changes the duration of his/her course of study.
- Breaches a student visa condition relating to attendance or satisfactory academic performance.

It may sometimes be necessary for FLS to provide personal information to others with whom it conducts business; for example professional advisers (auditors, lawyers), insurers, and printers.

Privacy Policy

Collection of information

FLS collects information to enable it to:

- provide services to its students
- process applications for enrolment
- maintain appropriate academic and financial records
- assist prospective graduates to find employment where applicable
- maintain contact with past students
- provide statistical and other information required by government

We do not collect sensitive information if the individual has not consented to its collection (unless we are required or permitted to do so by law).

Right of Access

Students have the right to access their personal information (subject to some exceptions allowed by law), and to have it corrected if necessary. Proof of ID will be required before files are made available to students.

Please Note: All Students have the right to 'Opt Out' or cancel the consent form they have signed to use their image for advertising at any time. The form to opt out is with the reception desk.

Accuracy

FLS takes reasonable precautions to ensure that the personal information collected is accurate, complete and up-to-date. It is important that students keep FLS up-to-date with changes to their personal information, such as name and address.

Retention and Security

FLS takes reasonable steps to protect personal information from unauthorised access, modification or disclosure. Personal information is destroyed when no longer required.

Rules for Computer Labs

Computers and software at FLS are licensed and usage is restricted. The import or export of any software, images or information is forbidden unless at the direction of FLS staff.

- You may not use the computer room unless your teacher is present

- You are not permitted to download any files from the Internet unless they are related to your studies
- You must not adjust any of the computer default settings
- You must not play computer games on FLS IT equipment
- You must not bring any food or drink into the computer room
- You cannot share or rent your account and password.
- Keep the room and equipment clean and tidy
- Be considerate to others
- Report all breakages/malfunctions/unauthorised use/tampering
- Do not try to fix any equipment – refer to FLS staff

Security

Please do not leave your own possessions or FLS materials unattended. Carry your purse or wallet with you at all times.

Student ID Cards

- Students will receive their student ID card within one week after enrolment, provided the student services officer has been given one passport size photo on orientation day.
- ID cards may be used as proof of identity.
- Students may be entitled to transport concessions, and may get movie discounts and discounts to some attractions.
- Students must carry their ID cards at all times while on FLS premises for security reasons.

Student Services

On the first day at your FLS, you will attend an orientation session and be issued with an Orientation Guide. The Guide contains detailed information covering the main aspects of your course and living in Sydney.

The Student Services Department provides the following help for students:

- Orientation Sessions
- Any documents and correspondence needed i.e. Confirmation of Enrolment Letters, Attendance letters, Certificates, Student tuition fees, invoices, etc.
- Making appointments for welfare and academic counselling
- Student ID cards
- Assisting students to apply for a Tax File Number
- Help with accommodation and general enquiries
- Students' event program

Monitoring Course Progress

Course progress of each student is assessed, recorded and monitored. Students at risk of failing to meet course progress requirements are notified and counselled.

The procedure is:

1. Every two weeks GE students undergo a test covering the last two modules of the text book. IELTS students undertake tests every four weeks. EAP students follow the assessment calendar and undertake six tests in total.
2. A General English/IELTS student is considered to make satisfactory progress when s/he achieves an average 60% overall score with no less than 50% in individual scores. EAP students are required to achieve 50% overall score in EAP1 / 60% overall score in EAP2 / 70% overall score in EAP3. Summative assessment is conducted in the final week of the course.
3. To assist students at risk of failing to achieve satisfactory progress, after the first failed assessment the students are involved in an intervention strategy involving counselling session with the teacher. If the student continues to fail assessments a Teacher Support Class is offered to remedy the issue.
4. Teachers interview each student at risk and fill in the 'Intervention Strategy Form'. This is in order to give feedback on their progress, identify student needs and areas of difficulty. and give guidance to assist with any difficulties so that further guidance can be given.
5. Students who fail to make satisfactory course progress receive an *Intention to report letter* and are reported to the DHA. The students have access to the 20 working day appeal period as per the Policies and Procedures for Complaints and Appeals.

Assessments

You will be informed of all assessment procedures as well as results from those assessments. You have the right to lodge a complaint or appeal.

FLS prohibits any form of discrimination towards any group or individual.

This includes:

- Physical, intellectual or psychiatric disability
- Pregnancy
- Marital status
- Gender
- Physical Illness
- Sexual orientation
- Age
- Race, colour, nationality, ethnic or religious background

Student Satisfaction Survey

All students will be encouraged to complete a Student Satisfaction Survey at regular intervals throughout the year.

Tuition Fees

Course fees are given in separate marketing brochures.

International students are required to sign a written agreement on payment of fees which sets out the services to be provided, fees payable and information about refunds of course money.

The payment of all fees and charges is receipted and dated at the time of payment. Records of fees receipted and dated are maintained and secured.

Please note that any school aged dependants accompanying you to Australia may be required to pay full fees if they are enrolled in either a government or non-government school.

Students' Visa and Immigration Requirements

Overseas students should be aware that visa and immigration regulations are very complex and vary depending on the nationality of a student and his or her particular individual circumstances. Students are encouraged to visit the Department of Home Affairs (DHA) website www.immi.gov.au for information.

Conditions of Your Student Visa include:

Valid Student Visa throughout Your Studies

International students must have a valid student visa for the duration of their studies in Australia. Students will only be issued with a student visa for study in Australia if they seek to undertake a full-time course (20 hours per week) that is accredited and registered by the Australian Government. Students must satisfy visa requirements and comply with a number of visa conditions for attendance and academic performance, which come into effect after they have entered Australia. It is important to comply with these visa conditions. All students must provide correct contact details (including address, mobile number and email) to FLS. All students must update their contact details with FLS within seven days of change. Under The Education Services for Overseas Students Act 2000 (ESOS Act), FLS will contact the students regularly to verify the contact details.

Full Time Enrolment

International students on a student visa must enrol in full-time study (20 hours per week). Students must maintain a minimum of 80% attendance of all scheduled classes for each term.

Students must remain with one education provider

Students must remain with the education provider with whom they originally enrolled for at least the first 6 months of their principal course. A transfer will only be allowed in exceptional circumstances. Where a student undertakes a preparatory course prior to commencing their principal course they must complete the preparatory study and 6 months of the principal course before changing the provider.

Transfer Between Providers Policy

Students must complete six months of their principal program of study (except under exceptional circumstances) before changing providers in accordance with the Standard 7 of the National Code 2007 of the ESOS Act.

Transfer applications to FLS

Where the student has not completed 6 months study of their principal course, students must provide a release from the institution where they are current enrolled. The student may however be provided with a "conditional" Letter of Offer.

Students seeking to transfer from another provider within the first six months of their program are able to do so only in the following special circumstances:

- The original registered provider has provided a written release

- Any government sponsor of the student considers the change to be in the student's best interest and has provided written support for that change.

Students of another provider seeking to transfer to FLS will be required to provide evidence of one or more of the above circumstances with their application to be enrolled at FLS.

Where a satisfactory "release" is not provided, the application process is pending until it can be re-activated once the 6 month period has passed.

Note: In the very rare circumstances where the original institution or course has ceased to be registered, or sanctions have been placed on the original institution by the Australian government which do not allow the student to continue with the course, no release is required.

Transfer applications out of FLS - application for a release

Students who have completed less than six months of their principal course with FLS may transfer to another provider only if they are provided with a release by FLS. A student who wishes to request a transfer to another provider should make a request by completing an early leave from study form available from the reception desk and submitting it to the Student Services Officer.

- The form must be accompanied by an offer letter from another provider. The outcome of the application for a release will be available to the student within 10 working days.
- Each successful student request of transfer to another provider is recorded in the cancellation registry.

Circumstances in which a transfer will be granted

The Academic Manager will only allow a student to transfer to another RTO in exceptional circumstances where it is considered in the best interest of the student, academically and personally and where it can be demonstrated that the student:

- has not commenced their principal program
- has a realistic and accurate understanding of what the transfer represents to their study options
- The registered provider has ceased to be registered, or the course in which the student has enrolled has ceased to be registered.

Exceptional circumstances in this context are defined as circumstances in which the student can provide evidence that continuation or enrolment at FLS would be to the detriment of the student's emotional or physical well-being such as compassionate and compelling circumstances.

Acceptance:

Once a Release is provided:

- It will be at no cost to the student.
- An entry will be made in the cancellation register, and termination of studies will be reported through PRISMS
- The student will be advised of the need to contact Department of Immigration to seek advice on whether a new student visa is required.
- A copy of the release will be filed in the student's admin file accompanied with a completed copy of the early leave from study form.

Circumstances in which transfer will not be granted

A request for a release to allow a student to transfer to another provider may be refused for the following reasons:

- The student has not made satisfactory academic progress and is seeking a transfer to avoid being reported via PRISMS
- has not attended the course as required and is seeking a transfer to avoid being reported via PRISMS
- the student owes course fees to FLS

- exceptional circumstances relating to the welfare of the student have not been demonstrated
- the proposed transfer may be considered detrimental to the student's welfare or personal safety

Refusal:

- The student will be sent a letter of refusal of release which contains details of the outcome of the application, including that the student has 20 working days to appeal, using FLS complaints and appeals process.

FLS's Responsibility regarding Visa Violation

One aspect of the obligations on registered providers is to keep records of each accepted student (Point 21 of the ESOS 2000 Act) and to notify the appropriate agency when students breach their student visa condition. The ESOS (2000) Act, Point 20 states:

'A registered provider must send an accepted student of the provider a written notice if the student has breached a student visa condition relating to attendance or satisfactory academic performance. 'Students will have 20 working days from the date of the notification to appeal.

When a student has been identified as violating visa conditions FLS is obliged to report them via the Department of Education and Training database PRISMS. A notification letter automatically prints off the system for certain violations. A letter is sent to the student.

Working in Australia

The student visa allows a student to work up to 40 hours per fortnight during the study term and full time during FLS term breaks. Australia provides good opportunities for part time and casual work. Rates of wages may range from AUD\$19.49 per hour for casual work depending on the job.

If your student visa was granted after 26 April 2008 you will receive the permission to work with your visa grant. You don't need to apply for it separately. FLS will notify the Department of Immigration electronically that you have commenced your course. This will be done within one week of your study commencement.

Student visa holders have conditions placed on their ability to engage in paid work. There will be restrictions on the number of hours you are allowed to work.

In order to work in Australia you need to have a Tax File Number.

For a Tax file number you should apply online at www.ato.gov.au

Students' Responsibilities

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrive promptly to all class sessions • Participate in all class lessons • Speak English at all times • Respect the culture of other nationalities • Be well prepared to participate – ensure that you have pens, paper etc with you • Follow the teacher's instructions • Leave your classroom tidy • Attend all assessment sessions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leave mobile telephones turned on during class, it disturbs other students • Eat or drink in any of the classrooms • Smoke in the Building. FLS has a "non-smoking" policy. Do not smoke in the building or in front of the building. You must be more than 4 metres from the entrance of the building. • Smoking and littering in front of the building is prohibited and Department of Health visit regularly and fine offenders up to \$300. |

Suspension of a Student by FLS

FLS may suspend a student for misconduct, under circumstances where the student

- has been in breach of FLS's rules
- is in breach of enrolment conditions
- is assessed as providing a threat to the well-being of other students or staff

If the suspension of a student's enrolment will result in the student being unable to complete the course within the course duration as specified on the CoE, the student must apply for a course extension using the application for course extension. The student will be advised to check with the nearest Department of Immigration office for information about the impact of the extension of the course on the student's visa.

Cancellation of Enrolment

FLS may cancel the enrolment of a student if the student:

- is in breach of enrolment conditions
- has been in breach of FLS's rule
- is assessed by the Principal as providing a threat to the well-being of other students or staff
- has been assessed as behaving in a way such as to constitute serious misconduct
- fails to meet the requirements of the course progress policy
- fails to pay tuition fees
- fails to re-enrol

Notice of intention to defer, suspend or cancel enrolment

Where a suspension is initiated by FLS, the student will receive a notice of intention to suspend enrolment. In each case, the notice will clearly identify that the student will be given 20 working days to access FLS's internal complaints and appeals process. If an appeal is lodged, FLS will maintain the student's enrolment until the internal appeals process is complete. FLS reserves the right to not provide learning opportunities during this process should it be deemed appropriate.