



SECTION	OVERSEAS STUDENTS				
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1. PURPOSE

Brisbane Christian College seek to enrol overseas students in an ethical and responsible manner. The College wishes ensure that the overseas student's qualifications, experience and English language proficiency are appropriate for the year level for which enrolment is sought for the student to be able to successfully meet the curriculum demands.

2. SCOPE

This policy applies to all overseas students seeking enrolment into Brisbane Christian College.

3. SOURCES

- *National Code of Practice for Registration Authorities and Providers of Education and Training to Overseas Students 2007*
- *Education Services for Overseas Students Act 2000 (ESOS Act)*
- *ESOS Regulations Education Services for Overseas Students Regulations 2001*

4. DEFINITIONS

TERM	DEFINITION
NESB	Non English Speaking Background
CRICOS	Commonwealth Register of Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students.
Overseas student	A person (whether within or outside Australia) who holds a student visa as defined by the <i>ESOS Act</i> , but does not include students of a kind prescribed in the <i>ESOS Regulations</i> . Where the student is under 18 years of age and the student is required to exercise rights or enter obligations as a legal person, this term may refer to the student's parent or legal guardian.
Student Visa	An authorisation permitting people who are not Australian citizens or permanent residents to come to Australia for the primary purpose of studying in Australia as defined by the <i>Migration Act 1958</i> .
Registered Provider	As defined in section 5 of the <i>ESOS Act</i> , the registered provider for a course for a state, means an approved provider that is registered on CRICOS as a provider for the course for the state.

5. POLICY

Brisbane Christian College will seek evidence from each NESB student applicant to help determine if that student meets the minimum accepted requirements of English language proficiency adopted by this College. For the NESB students to be successful, they must meet the minimum standards set out in this policy for the year level they are seeking enrolment in.

5.1 ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

Students should provide evidence of academic performance appropriate to entry to the Year Level requested on the Application of Enrolment or to the Year Level offered as an alternative point of entry by the College in a Letter of Offer.

- For Year levels up to year 7: Evidence of application to school work and age-appropriate achievement in literacy and numeracy areas of the curriculum evidenced from the students most recent report would be necessary.
- For year levels 8 -12: It is the expectation of the College that students would have achieved a “C” average result from the previous year of study. This would need to be evidenced on a student’s report card.
- Brisbane Christian College believes that both student school attendance and a demonstrated sound student attitude are also important points to consider while evaluating a student’s enrolment. Therefore, where these are measured, the requirement for these would be a “B” average.

Please note that the above academic, behaviour, and attendance requirements are preferences only and the final decision for a student’s enrolment will rest with the Deputy Principal after taking into consideration past report cards.

5.2 ENGLISH PROFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS

Enrolment at Brisbane Christian College depends on evidence of sufficient English language proficiency to successfully meet the curriculum demands of the enrolled course. For overseas students, this is a requirement under the *National Code of Practice, Section D Standard 2*:

‘The registered provider must obtain evidence that assessment of an overseas student’s proficiency in English has been carried out (unless this is clearly not relevant). Assessment must meet the requirements of the Migrations Regulations.’

This evidence may be presented as evidence of previous study in English as the medium of instruction, or as results of an acceptable English language proficiency test. For acceptable tests and results, see below.

	IELTS	TOEFL paper based	TOEFL computer based	TOEIC	ISLPR	NILLIA
YR 6	3	300+		125+	1	2 (+)
YR 7	3.5	350+		250+	1+	3 (-)
YR 8	4	400+		375+	2	3
YR 9	4.5	450+		500+	2	4
YR 10	5	500+	190	560-	2+	5
YR 11	5.5	525+	197	625+	2+,3	5
YR 12	5.5-6	525 - 550	213	690+	3	6

In the case of AL4 visa applicants 16 years or older, as of 1 April 2004, Migration Regulations must be met. Domestic NESB students should note that, if they do not have evidence of any of these tests, their enrolment will be conditional upon language testing at Brisbane Christian College. They should arrange an appropriate time for speech testing. Should their level of language prove inadequate for success at their year level, they will be advised to enrol in an intensive English language course.

6. OTHER DOCUMENTS