School of

# ELICOS

- English for Academic Purposes
- General English

EXCELSIA

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

# A welcome
# FROM THE DIRECTOR

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It gives me great pleasure to introduce Excelsia's ELICOS Program to you. For English language study we offer the unique advantages of high academic standards in a supportive study environment. The ELICOS Program is introduced to provide English language training for overseas students of non-English speaking backgrounds. It is fully accredited by the Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (TEQSA) and operates on a fee-for-service basis.

We offer a varied program of courses throughout the year, including three levels of English for Academic Purposes and five levels of General English. They have been developed with a focus on the individual learning needs of our students.

We prioritise pastoral care because we feel it is important to meet the personal, spiritual, social and academic needs of our students.

Our fully accredited, Excelsia-based program is run in Macquarie Park. Macquarie Park's corporate prestige, close access to facilities and aesthetically pleasing environment are an attraction for many corporations. The Macquarie Park precinct hosts over 32,000 employees across a broad range of industries; this makes it the fourth-largest concentration of employment in NSW.

**Excelsia's ELICOS Program has unique advantages:**

- higher-education institution-based
- able to offer a personal teaching approach
- is of the highest academic standard
- specialist staff with national and international teaching experience
- offers a wide range of courses, resources and facilities
- staff with a commitment to lifelong learning
- affordable weekly tuition fee
- easily accessible by public transport
- located in the fourth largest concentration of jobs in NSW
- close to shopping centres and entertainment places

I invite you to apply for admission to our program, and hope I have the opportunity to personally welcome you to our course soon.

The staff of Excelsia join me in extending a warm welcome to you and will be pleased to respond to any questions that you may have.

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— Dr Daisy William
ELICOS Program Director

# About
# EXCELSIA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

Established in 1983, Excelsia University College (Excelsia) is one of Australia's leading Christian higher education providers, and is an innovative and creative community of people who are passionate about excelling and growing academically, professionally, personally and spiritually. Our students and alumni embark on a journey of lifelong learning and leadership.

### WORLD-CLASS MENTORSHIP

Be mentored by and learn from engaged and committed staff who are approachable and passionate about social work.

### INDUSTRY RESPECTED

Excelsia is a leader in the industry with a respected reputation for successfully delivering postgraduate courses since 1983. Excelsia is committed to changing the lives of people through individual learning and industry experience.

### ALUMNI AND INDUSTRY NETWORK

Over 3,000 alumni and accomplished academics around the world attest to our whole-of-person education.

### PASTORAL CARE

Excelsia prioritises pastoral care which is fully integrated throughout the program. It is important to Excelsia that we meet the personal, social wellbeing and academic needs of students.

**OUR VISION:** Excelsia contributes to making a better world through active participation in a life-transforming global Christian learning community.

**OUR MISSION:** Excelsia is an academic community benefiting the world by producing research characterised by exemplary scholarship consistent with a Christian world view, and graduates prepared to lead in a range of professions.

### OUR VALUES

Our values reflect our vision and our mission:

1. **Christ-likeness:** striving to exemplify the life of Christ in our commitments, our actions and our relationships.
2. **Innovation and creativity:** working with passion and imagination in a range of influential professions, to further God's transformative work in the world.
3. **Scholarship:** creating a culture that values the search for truth, supports academic freedom and rewards rigorous thinking.
4. **Service to the community:** using our skills and abilities in and beyond the Institution in the service of others.
5. **Lifelong learning:** continually seeking knowledge, wisdom and capability to flourish and contribute in a changing world.

### GRADUATE ATTRIBUTES

1. **Deep Knowledge**
   A deep, coherent and extensive knowledge of studied disciplines characterised by intellectual openness, creativity and curiosity.
2. **Critical Analysis**
   Willingness and ability to analyse issues logically, consider different options and viewpoints fairly, and make informed decisions in relevant artistic, academic and/or professional contexts and settings.
3. **Lifelong Learning**
   A commitment to lifelong learning characterised by a willingness and ability to acquire, develop and apply knowledge and skills that facilitate positive adaptations to a changing world.
4. **Effective Communication**
   Aptitude to communicate information, arguments and ideas effectively and ethically through writing, speech and/or artistic expression as appropriate within each discipline.
5. **Christian Ethical Action**
   A sound knowledge and understanding of Christian values and beliefs, and of the relevance of Christian faith to personal life, professional ethics, and social concerns.
6. **Self Direction**
   A capacity for self-directed learning and activity while working effectively with others in scholarly, vocational, civic and/or artistic pursuits and endeavours.
7. **Technical Competence**
   Competence and facility with materials, processes and technologies relevant to learned disciplines, generic information literacy and professional practice.
8. **Responsible Innovation**
   Oriented towards exhibiting intellectual and artistic enterprise, innovation and independence in constructive, creative and responsible ways.

# Why study at **EXCELSIA?**

## EXCELSIA RANKED HIGHLY

### TEACHING QUALITY*
**86.2%**
National average 80.5%

### POSITIVE STUDENT INTERACTIONS*
**84.6%**
National average 59.5%

### SKILLS DEVELOPMENT*
**90.7%**
National average 81.1%

### OVERALL GRADUATE SATISFACTION^
**85.4%**
National average 75.6%

^ 2023–24 Course Experience Questionnaire (undergraduate)
* 2023–24 Student Experience Survey (undergraduate)

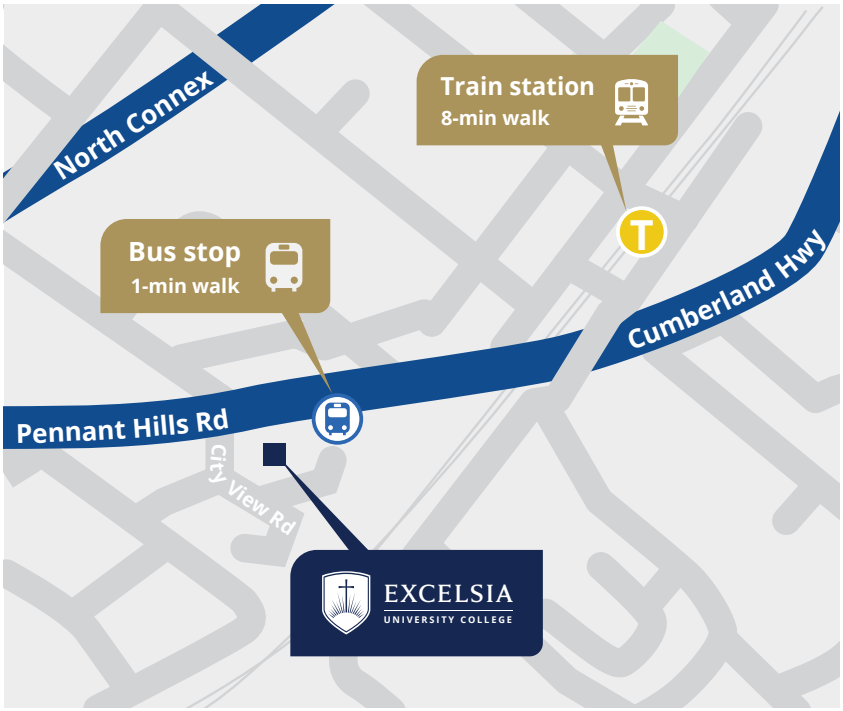
### CAMPUS FEATURES

- Library
- Black box creative space
- Production studio
- Innovation centre – Mac and PC lab
- Drama and music specialist rooms
- Wellness centre
- Fidèl Café
- Koorong Bookstore
- Student facilities
  - Free wifi
  - Study desks
  - Snacks bar
  - Free coffee
  - Microwaves
  - Games console

### TRANSPORT

- 8-min walk to Pennant Hills Station
- 1-min walk to bus stop
- Free parking

### CONVENIENT LOCATION



# Why choose our **ENGLISH PROGRAM?**

## OUR TEACHERS

Our language teachers are highly experienced and suitably qualified. We plan meaningful lessons that promote language learning and help you develop learning strategies and critical thinking skills.

## OUR PROGRAM

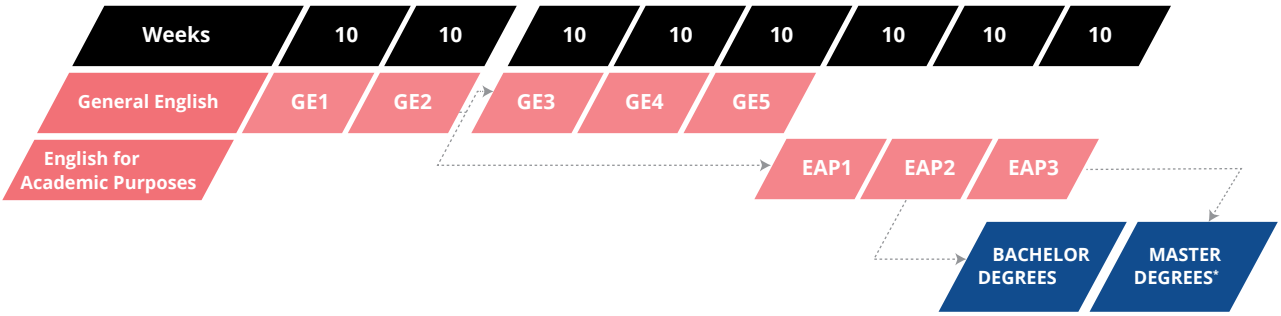
Our program is designed to continually assess your growth as we teach. Our teachers will observe and reflect on your responses to determine whether you are reaching the learning objectives. We will adjust our lessons to facilitate your learning and closely monitor your language development in order to advance your learning efficiently.

## OUR METHOD

We will take the time to get to know you, your culture and educational background to engage you in the classroom so that we can prepare and deliver lessons effectively. We want to create a classroom culture where you feel safe and comfortable to participate. We will help you integrate socially to promote language learning.

## SMOOTH TRANSITION

At Excelsia, we want you to be successful in your higher education studies. We collaborate with academics to provide the best support for you so that you can seamlessly transition to your degree program.




* Successful completion of EAP 2 enables direct entry into Excelsia undergraduate programs while EAP 3 enables direct entry into Excelsia postgraduate programs except for Master of Teaching (Secondary), Master of Counselling, Master of Social Work (Qualifying) and Doctor of Philosophy (Organisational Leadership).

# ENGLISH for ACADEMIC PURPOSES

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|---|---|
| Course duration: | Up to 30 weeks |
| Class size: | Maximum 18 students |
| Delivery: | Face-to-face 20 hours per week |
| Minimum age: | 18 years |
| Levels: | Intermediate, Upper Intermediate and Advanced |
| Course accreditation: | TEQSA |
| CRICOS Code: | 113562D |
| Available to: | International students |
| IELTS: | Find below in English Language Requirement table |
| Course tuition fee: | $300 enrolment fee, $300 material and textbook fee and $250 per week tuition fee |

For more information, refer to our course fees page.

The English for Academic Purposes (EAP) course is delivered from Intermediate to Advanced levels (10 weeks a level). It focuses on a range of academic skills, with the goal of preparing students to successfully perform in a number of academic and professional English language contexts. During the course, you will be engaged with different, exciting topics and practise speaking and giving presentations, listening and following lectures, reading academic and formal texts, writing essays and research reports, grammar and a range of relevant and useful vocabulary.

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## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

### EDUCATION LEVEL REQUIREMENT

There is no minimum education level to enter this course. However, students intending on gaining direct entry into a higher education course on completion of EAP will need to meet the entry requirements for that course.

### ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT

For more information on admission requirements, refer to the admission policies in the Admissions Framework.

| | ENTRY | EXIT |
|---|---|---|
| **EAP Level** | **IELTS Academic Test** | **IELTS Academic Test Equivalence** |
| EAP-1 – Intermediate | 4.0 | 5.0 |
| EAP-2 – Upper Intermediate | 5.0 | 6.0 |
| EAP-3 – Advanced | 6.0 | 6.5 |

### AGE REQUIREMENT

Students need to be over 18 years old on enrolment day to enter this course.

### NUMBER OF WEEKS OF EAP STUDY WITH IELTS/PTE SCORE

| IELTS Academic Result | Number of Weeks of Study for 6.0 | Number of Weeks of Study 6.5 |
|---|---|---|
| 4.0 | 20 weeks | 30 weeks |
| 4.5 | 15 weeks | 25 weeks |
| 5.0 | 10 weeks | 20 weeks |
| 5.5 | 5 weeks | 15 weeks |
| 6.0 | | 10 weeks |

# GENERAL ENGLISH

The purpose of the General English course is to provide students with a strong, well balanced knowledge and application of the English language. It is taught in a fun and practical manner which will engage the students. The course provides opportunity for students to learn, make errors, receive feedback and engage in authentic, functional and practical conversational settings. Students will study speaking, listening, reading, writing, grammar, vocabulary, and pronunciation. The course will help to prepare them to use daily English outside the classroom or to move on to further English study.

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| Course duration: | Up to 50 weeks |
| Class size: | Maximum of 18 students |
| Delivery: | Face-to-face 20 hours per week |
| Minimum age: | 18 years |
| Levels: | Elementary, Pre-Intermediate, Intermediate, Upper Intermediate, Advanced |
| Course accreditation: | TEQSA |
| CRICOS Code: | 113561E |
| Available to: | International students |
| IELTS: | Find below in English Language Requirement table |
| Course tuition fee: | $300 enrolment fee, $300 material and textbook fee and $250 per week tuition fee |

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The General English course provides students with authentic experiences and provides ample opportunity to practise and master the language. As students improve their English language skills, they are able to move up to the next stage. The course is designed with 50 standalone yet scaffolding units which are taught over 50 weeks and allows students join at any week. The formative and summative assessments are conducted during each unit and students who join at any time are not disadvantaged for missing the previous unit.

The General English course can be used as a 'stepping stone' or 'English preparation program' for students wanting to enter the English for Academic Purposes (EAP) course who do not have an Intermediate level of English. Such students are able to enter the General English course and study in Elementary/Pre-Intermediate levels and improve their English. Once such students attain an Intermediate level, they will have met the minimum entry requirements to commence EAP.

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### EDUCATION LEVEL REQUIREMENT

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### ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT

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| | ENTRY | EXIT |
|---|---|---|
| **GE Level Equivalence** | **IELTS General Training Test** | **IELTS General Training Test Equivalence** |
| GE1 – Elementary | 2.0 | 3.0 |
| GE2 – Pre-Intermediate | 3.0 | 4.0 |
| GE3 – Intermediate | 4.0 | 5.0 |
| GE4 – Upper Intermediate | 5.0 | 6.0 |
| GE5 – Advanced | 6.0 | 6.5 |

### AGE REQUIREMENT

Students need to be over 18 years old on enrolment day to enter this course.

Information about applications is available at: excelsia.edu.au/study/how-to-apply

**Step 1** Select the course
at: excelsia.edu.au/study

**Step 2** Check entry requirements

**Step 3** Gather the required documents

**Step 4** Complete application form

**Step 5** Apply
Once you submit your application, Excelsia staff will contact you shortly to confirm receipt and talk through the next steps in the process.

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