Using the EQ Band Scales for EAL/D students
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- What to Bandscale? Listening/Speaking/Reading/Writing
- What is the difference between BICS, CALPS and CUPS?
- Why EQ Bandscales and TEEPLE? Link?
- Entering Bandscales onto OneSchool and Developmental maps
- One Channel Recordings to deepen one’s knowledge of EQ Bandscaling.
- Metropolitan Ed Studio
**EAL/D learner groups**

- **Children born in Australia of migrant heritage where English is not spoken at home**
- **Children of deaf adults who use AUSLAN as their first language**
- **Australian-born students returning from abroad, having lived for extended periods of time in countries where their schooling was not in English**
- **Aboriginal students and Torres Strait Islander students**
- **Immigrants to Australia: Temporary residents, and migrants on recognised permanent, temporary or bridging visas**
- **Students of Australian South Sea Islander backgrounds**
- **Students with Maori or Pacific Islander backgrounds**
- **Students with a refugee background (or students who have a refugee-like status or circumstance)**
- **International students: Dependents of international students on student visas, and fee paying international students**
Where do you get the EQ Bandscales?

- Education Queensland website
- Metropolitan site
- We can provide you with an electronic copy if you have a USB here or
- If your email address is provided, we can email it to you
An introductory guide to the EQ Bandscales for English as an additional language or dialect (EAL/D) learners
What are the EQ Bandscales for EAL/D learners?

- The EQ Bandscales is an assessment tool to provide a map of EAL/D learner progress in Standard Australian English (SAE) language development.
- They assist teachers in identifying and tracking EAL/D learners’ progression of SAE language learning.
- They describe observable behaviours typical of second language acquisition for both overseas-born backgrounds (including refugees) and from Australian-born backgrounds (including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander learners).
- They describe six levels of language development in each of the four macro skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing.
The EQ Bandscales for EAL/D learners are presented for two phases of learning:

- early phase for learners from Prep to Year 3
- middle phase for learners from year 4 to 10.

- Bandscale levels are not linked to school years.
- If required, the NLLIA (National Languages and Literacy Institute of Australia) Bandscales can be used for learners in years 11 and 12.
- The NLLIA Bandscales and the Bandscales for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Learners are fuller versions on which the EQ Bandscales have been based.
- The EQ Bandscales were developed in 2008 to encompass learner pathways for all EAL/D learners in one document.
- The levels on all the Bandscale documents are equivalent.
What is the ACARA EAL/D Learning Progression?

- ACARA has developed the EAL/D Resource to assist teachers as they develop teaching and learning programs in the Australian Curriculum for EAL/D learners.
- It includes an EAL/D learning progression from foundation to year 10.
- It does not take the place of the EQ Bandscales and is not aligned to them.
- It contains 4 broad categories:
ACARA 4 broad categories

- Beginning English - some print literacy in the first language. Limited Literacy Background is included as a subcategory.
- Emerging English - a growing degree of print literacy and oral language competency with English.
- Developing English — further developing knowledge of print literacy and oral language competency with English.
- Consolidating English — a sound knowledge of spoken and written English, including a growing competency with academic language.
- Different students progress at different rates or the same student may be in different phases across the language modes or macro skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing.
When to Bandscale learners?

- Students should be bandscaled:
  - Soon after enrolment
  - By day 8 at the beginning of the year
  - At the end of each semester.

- EQI Fee paying students also need to have bandscales updated Twice a year: in term 1 and in term 3 for funding purposes when notified by EQI.
For additional EQI Funding

- Dependant/bridging visas/refugees are eligible for additional funding and Bandscales are a criteria to this funding. (Developmental maps)
- DETi (Department of Education and Training International.)
Why Bandscale EAL/D learners?

- To identify and record EAL/D learners.
- For teaching and learning.
- Funding.
- Data collection and One School.
- For additional funding provided to schools from Dependant visa holding people.
Why? Identifying the EAL/D learners

- Enrolment officer flags on One School.
- To determine the type of support that will be provided. (needs of the learner, teacher expertise, resources including personnel)
- Sometimes an ongoing process as students reveal who they are!
Why? For Teaching and learning

- Identify the language needs based on their SAE language proficiency.
- Identify the language demands of a unit of work.
- Determine the language/learning support/scaffolding necessary to enable learners to access the intended curriculum.
Why? Data Collection and One School

- One School is used to collect/share learner data including Bandscales.
- The Developmental Maps enable the CT to track the learner’s progress.
- BUT: depending on your role. Print the tracking report of the Bandscales every semester as the current program One school uses writes across the previous year’s Bandscales so one cannot get a view across 2 or more years.
Strategic understandings we need to keep in mind for any age EAL/D students in all subject areas.

- To understand this: most EAL/D learners are developing all the following skills simultaneously:
  1. English Language skills.
  2. Literacy and numeracy skills.
  3. Content knowledge of learning areas.
Strategic understandings the Bandscales provide for the classroom

- Bandscales inform teachers for their planning for their classroom learners.
- Each subject area has specific demands/written genres and learners require explicit teaching of these.
- Scaffolding-in terms of subject areas requires a language focus.
- Focused, strategic models such as a Break it down, Build it up model of teaching provides a language focussed approach. (in the Introduction to the EQ Bandscales guide)
Strategic understandings for the classroom continued

- The Teaching Emphases (Teeple) provides the classroom strategies linked to the Bandscales for what the learner needs to move up to the next level.
- Listening/speaking (oral language) provides the basis for literacy learning.
- Explicit teaching of grammar contextualised within texts being studied is necessary.
Strategic understandings: Why do you need to know the difference?

- **What is BICS?**
  - Basic Interpersonal communication skills-needed for day to day social situations

- **What is CALPS?**
  - Cognitive academic language proficiency (of subject areas e.g. The language of Maths, Science etc)

- **What is CUPS?**
  - Common underlying proficiency between 2 languages. Skills, concepts, ideas students learn in their 1st language and is transferred to the second language
General tips when using the Bandscales for students

- By matching the learner’s language skills to the descriptors on the Bandscale table.

- Use evidence from observations, work samples and focused discussions over a range of activities and contexts.

- Remember that individual learners will progress at different paces and different times.

- Learners may not display all descriptors in a level at once but may display some from 2 or 3 levels. Look for a cluster of descriptors around a level for best fit.
Tips about the Bandscales and students

- The levels describe broad stages of development. Best fit is best expressed as being at either the high end of the level or the low end of the level, rather than at the level. e.g. a low level 3/ a high level 3/ at level 3.

- Many learners will have a jagged profile across the macro skills. e.g. listening 4, speaking 4, reading 3, writing 2.
Bandscales and EAL/D Teaching Emphases (TEEPLE)

- Written by Kay McNamara and Esther Watt who wanted to better address the needs of the EAL/D learners in their schools.
- Began in 2003 and has been built upon and developed over a period of 12 years.
- The Teaching Emphases are a database of strategies and other types of support specific to each of the levels of English language development described in the Bandscales.
- They link Bandscale levels to planning and pedagogy by describing how to support a student at a particular Bandscale level and how to progress to the next level in the macroskills of listening, speaking, reading and writing.
The Teaching Emphases make over 5000 suggestions organised by macroskill for:
- classroom organisation
- teaching strategies
- selection of texts
- and provide background information related to social, cultural and language learning behaviours.
- They are not subject specific, but about language across the curriculum.
- Once you have a Bandscale level, you have goals and the Teaching Emphases provide associated strategies which in turn informs the choices you make about resources available at that level.
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**TEACHING EMPHASES for BANDSCALES STATE SCHOOLS**
Essential Teaching Emphases

- Based on the Teaching Emphases, the Essential Teaching Emphases use the Bandscales and present in one-page current bandscale, target bandscale and essential teaching strategies to support EAL/D learners to progress to the next bandscale. Available on the Metropolitan EAL/D website. This is a site one has to pay a subscription to belong.
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<td>Share examples of student's competencies in first language so they can show their ability and boost their self-confidence e.g., display alphabet, numbers, words/phrases for basic concepts alongside English versions and corresponding illustrations and provide opportunities for student to self express in first language e.g., though reading aloud/speaking in first language or writing in first language as a way of clarifying their thinking or organising their thoughts.</td>
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<td>Demonstrate correct posture and three finger pencil grip using standard sized pens and pencils, provide a range of writing implements and colours, develop student's fine motor coordination</td>
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<td>Tape an alphabet strip to student's desk showing upper and lower case letters as well as numbers with starting points marked by a dot</td>
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<td>Model writing from left to right and top to bottom with spaces between groups of letters or between symbols and basic punctuation such as capitals to start a sentence and full stops to end a sentence for student to copy, allowing script different learners (e.g. Arabic background) as well as learners from disrupted educational backgrounds in their first language more time to develop these concepts.</td>
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<td>Use terms such as cover, front, back, page while having have student make a book numbering pages from front to back and writing name in designated space on front</td>
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<td>Have student identify/highlight common letters in different words stating with own name e.g., for Carlos - find all the c's in a sentence and sound out.</td>
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<td>Have student identify/highlight the same word in various texts so they will come to expect that words have consistent spelling.</td>
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<td>Supplement use of a bilingual dictionary with illustrated context word banks on familiar topics e.g., made using magazines or junk mail.</td>
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<td>Explain the meaning of and have student copy/trace: labels onto pictures or objects, environmental print, phrases related to the classroom context, simple sentences about own drawings, names, numbers, meaningful communications to give to friends/family/teachers e.g., greeting cards, notes, messages, functional written texts such as forms, labels, signs, lists and instructions in the form of words or sentences including basic punctuation and presented on bulletin board displays, rule charts, etc.</td>
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<td>Brainstorm topics/text types including those based around Australia and school and ask student to write/copy/draw a text on a chosen topic</td>
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<td>Provide storyboards i.e., a series of pictures/drawings/photographs which visually recount an excursion or retell a simple story for student to attempt contribution of ideas or words to joint construction of captions</td>
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## Target EAL/D Bandscale: **Level 1**

### Suggested Teaching Emphases

#### Speaking Early new to English

**Become familiar with:**
- Become familiar with **L1 culture-specific non-verbals** (e.g. Chinese point to nose when referring to themselves, Nepalese tilt head shoulder to shoulder to express ambivalence)
- **Share aspects of Australian culture whilst at the same time observing traditions from the student’s culture** (e.g. a song translated into English) and talk about similarities and differences.
- **Encourage use of L1** (e.g., at home, in the community, at Saturday school, in place of worship) as an aid in making sense of English discourse.

**Provide student opportunities:**
- **Provide a quite corner** where student can sit and watch or have a rest away from peers.
- **Create a culturally diverse free play environment for the whole class** which the student can explore in an informal unstructured way and which represents a range of ethnicities, features play dough, clay, a water trough and a sand tray and includes arrange of equipment in designated learning areas which the student can explore in an informal unstructured way e.g. mathematics: ‘shop’, attribute blocks, scales, rulers, tape measures, counters, beads to thread).
- **Allocate a native-speaking buddy** (e.g., for group work, during breaks) to guide in establishing knowledge of school culture.
- **Assign student to routine duties** (e.g. open the windows) and **special errands** (e.g. take this note to the office) accompanied by a buddy.
- **Allow student to ask other first language speakers for clarification or translation.**

#### When teaching:
- **Teach action songs** for student to join in with movements/mime.
- **Support speech with familiar non-verbal cues and visuals.**
- **Give instructions supported by pictures, gestures and demonstration for student to follow.**

**Provide student activities:**
- **Weave activities** that require active listening with alternate activities that don’t require this level of concentration (as a means of avoiding concentration loss and tiredness).
- **Encourage student to ‘have a go’ and join in new or unfamiliar activities** for which emphasis is not on being right or wrong (e.g. explaining activity in first language, selecting small groups and allowing student to stand back and observe).
- **Set up a class shop in order to provide a context for expressing wants and needs, asking for help and practicing polite formulae which can be role played.**
Academic Results

School: Pimpama State Primary College (16-Feb-2016 to Present)

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Speaking - Level 3  
Reading Viewing - Level 2  
Writing - Pre Level 3 |
Click save at the bottom of the page before changing to another level.
Where are EAL/D One channel recordings available?

- On the Learning place
- Vignettes and bandscale webconferences site link
- We could email this link to you.
- There are two tabs to click into on this site. One page shows the overview vignettes for the macroskill bandscales and the other tab gives longer webconferences with more details on EAL/D matters.
- On the Metropolitan website
EAL/D One Channel recordings

- OneChannel recorded web conferences
- Additional OneChannel recorded web conferences supporting teaching of English as an additional language or dialect (EAL/D) learners:
  - EAL/D learners in mainstream classrooms
  - Teacher aides supporting EAL/D learners
  - EAL/D learners beginning to write
  - EAL/D learners beginning to read
  - EAL/D learners building vocabulary
  - Teaching oracy to develop literacy
  - Metropolitan prep oracy and literacy program
  - STEM: EAL/D support in mainstream
  - STEM: EAL/D learners accessing academic language
- Bandscales State Schools (QLD) for EAL/D learners:
  - EAL/D learners: How to bandscale
  - An introductory guide to the bandscales (Part 1)
  - An introductory guide to the bandscales (Part 2)
  - An introductory guide to the bandscales (Part 3)
Metropolitan Ed Studio -

- Contains 2 sections:
  - Differentiated units based on English C2C units of work for EAL/D students working within the Bandscales.
  - Administrative EAL/D policies and procedures.
Thank you for participating.