

Special Australian English Language Course (SAELC)



Aim

The aim of the Special Australian English Language Course (SAELC) is to prepare overseas military personnel linguistically, culturally and academically for participation in training or employment requiring:

- upper-intermediate level of proficiency in the English language;
- well-developed study skills;
- effective group and individual communication skills; and
- a good understanding of the characteristics of the target course.

Description

The SAELC employs a communicative English teaching methodology that has a specific focus on improving the student's reading, writing, listening and speaking proficiency in a general and military context. Academic study skills and computer familiarisation are included. Exit language proficiency will be assessed. Typically, graduates from the SAELC will attend the Methodology of English Language Teaching Course (MELT), Advanced Australian English Language Course – Australian Defence College (AAELC-ADC) or Advanced Australian English Language Course – Pre-officer Training (AAELC-PT). Over the four months, students will normally improve their ADFELPS rating by **one** level.

The SAELC is usually conducted once each year for four months. Students are expected to have completed an Australian and Military Familiarisation Course (AUSTFAMIL) or Admin and Reception Period Famil (ARPF) preceding the SAELC.

Role

Following the formal adoption of Joint Directive 4/94, Defence Instruction (General) PERS 05-13 was produced to specify the DITC role, tasks and administrative procedures.

DITC has been assigned the following role:

to enhance the training provided in Australia to South East Asian and South Pacific defence force and other selected overseas personnel. This is achieved by facilitating the integration of those personnel into Australian Defence Organisation (ADO) training systems, and fostering and promoting cross-cultural awareness between members of the ADO and foreign military personnel.

Location

DITC is located at the RAAF base at Laverton, Victoria in Australia. It is located close to the centre of Melbourne. Access to the city is by train, car, taxi or bus. Melbourne offers a multicultural environment. Shops, sports venues, art galleries, cinemas, theatres, concert halls, exhibitions, restaurants and places of worship welcome the DITC students in their off-duty hours.

All students have access to well-trained staff, computers, a specialist library, modern classrooms and excellent recreational facilities. At DITC, students enjoy comfortable accommodation purpose-designed for study.

Course particulars

Number of students/course:

16

Length of course (working days):

80

Minimum ADFELPS on entry:

S – 5 L – 5 R – 5 W – 5

ADFEPLS on graduation:

S – 6 L – 6 R – 6 W – 6

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