



How long will my child need ESL help

- Students can expect to achieve sufficient English to exit the ESL program in one to three years of study.
- Student progress is tested regularly. Students are expected to make reasonable progress in order to continue their studies here.
- In later grades the time needed to become proficient in English increases as there is more vocabulary and more complex grammar involved.
- Children are not equally gifted in language learning and so they learn at different speeds.
- Learning a language is a lifelong process, and students will continue learning English throughout their education.
- Research also shows that students who maintain grade-level fluency in their mother tongue do better in their second language learning.

Fees:

Our one-time fees of RM 5,000 (grades 4-8) or RM 3,000 (grades 1-3 and 9) are excellent value over the two year average in the program.



Check out
the
Dalat website
at

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*for more helpful information and
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs).*



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English as a Second Language (ESL) at Dalat – is it for you?

Stepping into a second language education takes courage and commitment, but more and more families worldwide are successfully dedicating themselves to this rewarding goal. At Dalat we recognize the significance of our ESL program as part of an international drive toward gaining an English education.

Dalat is proud of the achievement of its ESL students. By joining our program your child will receive a top quality American education from well-qualified, native English speaking professionals. Our low student teacher ratio benefits ESL students by providing the 'teacher support' they need. Your child can accomplish the goal of an English education!

We provide the English environment your child needs.

Dalat welcomes students from 24 different nations, but this exciting diversity does not reduce the quality of our English environment. Half our students continue to be native English speakers, along with almost the entire teaching staff, and many of our second language students have already gained fluency in English. ESL students enrich our school without limiting the quality of our academic program.

An "English Only" commitment!

To encourage the growth of community, all students are expected to speak English throughout the school day. The benefits of this are clear: students can improve their English fluency and also enjoy developing a variety of international friendships. Speaking English Only helps preserve Dalat's strong sense of being one community and protects students from becoming isolated in individual language and culture groups.

The ESL department supports classroom learning

ESL students take a language test when they apply to the school to show if they understand enough English to join the regular classroom. We accept students with limited English, but students must understand enough English to benefit from the regular classroom or they will fall behind in their education, particularly in later grades. Students who pass the language test receive daily support from the ESL department to encourage their language learning and support them in their regular classroom studies. Students are admitted into the ESL department up to grade 9.

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