International students

English as an alternative language/dialect (EAL/D) is taught to those students whose first language is a language other than English. Some have come from countries overseas and some have been born in Australia but speak their parents' native language.

The EAL/D students at Fairview Heights come from a variety of backgrounds, including immigrant and refugee backgrounds. Families move to this region for a variety of reasons, for example, some have come as part of Australian sponsored migration work schemes. Currently Fairview Heights State School has students from Brazil, South Africa, India, the Philippines and Japan. These students add a wonderful multicultural dimension to our school.

Students with a first language other than English need to develop a high degree of competence in Standard Australian English to succeed in our Queensland school system. The EAL/D program provides English language support to these students. The program aims to develop these students' skills in Listening, Speaking, Reading, Viewing and Writing to enable them to participate fully in mainstream classrooms and to enhance their learning outcomes.

Students enrolling at Fairview Heights State School, whose main language is not English, are eligible for Government-funded EAL/D support. Support is offered through the services of a visiting EAL/D specialist teacher, Mrs Madonna Wills, as well as Teacher Aide hours provided by the EAL/D program in schools.