

# INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ESOL POLICY



Wakari School Board of Trustees

## **ENGLISH FOR SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES (ESOL)**

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### **Rationale**

To acknowledge and value the cultural and linguistic richness which ESOL families bring with them.

To encourage children to maintain their mother tongue.

To ensure they are assisted with English language experience.

### **Guidelines**

The School:

- creates a multi-cultural school environment which is warm, caring and supportive;
- has human resources to support new families, both within the school and the community;
- has developed resources for teachers which support the ESOL programme;
- has developed resources for children to support maintenance of the mother tongue;
- provides in-service courses for class teachers;
- provides teacher support for classroom programmes;
- continues the liaison with New Settlers and Multi-cultural co-ordinators and community networks;
- has developed guidelines consistent with school policies.
- English language proficiency requirement will be assessed at time of enrolment interview to ensure that appropriate ESOL support is offered.