

SIEC INFORMATION SESSION

FOR IPS COORDINATORS
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About Us

- We operate within Dickson College and share their resources
- We have a dedicated staff of teachers
- We also have 2 bilingual teacher assistants:
 - Mrs Ho (full time Khmer speaker)
 - Mrs Ekanayake (part time Sinhala speaker)

Communication

- Regular **newsletters**
- Local excursion notification
- **Assemblies** and graduations
- Special events

History of the SIEC

- Established in 1976
- Educated over 5000 students
- Currently the SIEC has 85 students from over 20 different countries
- Many successful students now businessmen and women and students with degrees

SIEC helps students by:

- Enabling our students to develop their English language skills
- Developing their confidence and their self-esteem
- Assisting our students in their transition to an Australian high school or college

SIEC provides opportunities:

- Intensive, specialised instruction
- English language proficiency in the shortest possible time
- Supportive and caring environment
- Social and cultural adjustment
- Preparation for mainstream secondary schooling and participation in Australian society.

Enrolment Process

- Testing for place in an appropriate SIEC class
- Placement in one of the following levels for up to 30 weeks:
 1. Pre-Intermediate (up to 10 weeks)
 2. Intermediate (10 weeks)
 3. Advanced (10 weeks)
- * Variations – humanitarian students (extra 10 weeks)

Reports

- Pre-Intermediate students receive a progress report
- Intermediate students receive a scales report
- The graduating classes receive graduating and scales reports.

Pre Intermediate – 10 weeks

<p><i>THEME 1</i> Orientation to School Present continuous Personal Details Alphabet/Indefinite Article a/an Have/has got- This/that – these/those Contracted forms – Possessive Adj Prepositions - Adjectives Time - Date</p>	<p><i>THEME 2</i> Clothing & Accessories Colours Body Hygiene</p>	<p><i>THEME 3</i>Family Relationships Family Tree Body Illness</p>	<p><i>THEME 4</i> Daily Routine Simple Present Occupations Sequences Frequency adverbs Connectives and/but</p>
<p><i>THEME 5</i> Animals Find Info Tables Label Descriptions Comparatives Superlatives Plurals</p>	<p><i>THEME 6</i> Food & Shopping Simple Past Countables/Uncountables Containers List Currency Weights Amounts Asking for ...</p>	<p><i>THEME 7</i>Orientation to Canberra & Local Area Report Layouts Maps Atlas Finding Info</p>	<p><i>THEME 8</i> Around the House Prepositions Positioning</p>
<p><i>Information Technology</i> Log On H: & Internet Ultrakey Microsoft Word MyClasses <i>Literature</i> Easy Starts Very Easy True Stories <i>English Have a Go – video</i></p>	<p><i>Leisure</i> The Arts PE Assembly Board games Cooking Craft Dancing Drawing Excursions Singing</p>	<p><i>L1 & L2 Maintenance</i> Glossaries Multilingual Library <i>Student Pathways</i></p>	<p><i>Student Pathways Core Texts</i> New Cambridge 1 New Generation 1 Headway – Beginners Headway - Elementary Picture dictionaries</p>

Intermediate and Advanced Level

English as a Second Language	Information Technology	Science	Maths	Studies of Society and Environment	Health	The Arts and Physical Education
<p>CORE TEXTS <i>New Cambridge</i> 1- 4 <i>New Generation</i> 1-3 <i>Headway –</i> <i>Beginners</i> <i>Elementary</i> <i>Pre</i> <i>intermediate</i> <i>Essential</i> <i>Grammar -</i> 1-2</p> <p>INTERMEDIATE Biographies (1) Detectives Literature Predicting the Future Student Pathways The Dreaming – ATSI Stories and Art</p> <p>ADVANCED Biographies (2) Literature Media – Newspapers Poetry Student Pathways The Amish The Elephant Man Graduation Class Magazines</p>	<p>INTERMEDIATE AND ADVANCED Word processing Microsoft Word Publisher PageMaker Graphics PowerPoint Kahootz Spreadsheets Microsoft Excel Research Carmen Sandiego Goldfields Internet Kraken Library Catalogue Oscar Lake E mail Website</p>	<p>INTERMEDIATE General Science Safety in the Laboratory Apparatus Science and Scientists Microscopes Geology Earth’s Crust Volcanoes Rock Classification Biology Body Measurement Flowering Plants Physics States of Matter</p> <p>ADVANCED Astronomy Biology Animal Classification Fast Growing Plants Food Webs Chemistry Physics Electricity Magnets Water Cycle</p>	<p>INTERMEDIATE AND ADVANCED Operations Geometry Measurement Using Calculators Beginning Algebra Graphs and Statistics Probability</p>	<p>INTERMEDIATE ACT Community Services Australian Geography Australian History Current Affairs ADVANCED ACT Community Services Antarctica Australian History: European Settlement Convicts Bushrangers Discovery of Gold ANZAC Australian Parliamentary System Current Affairs Environmental Change Indigenous History and Reconciliation Road Ready</p>	<p>INTERMEDIATE Physiology and Health Circulatory System Food, Digestion and Diet</p> <p>ADVANCED Physiology and Health Reproductive System Drug Education- Tobacco and Alcohol Feelings and Anti- Sexual Harassment Cross-Cultural Skills Assertiveness and Anti-racism</p> <p>Languages Other than English First and Second Language Maintenance Glossaries Multilingual Library</p>	<p>INTERMEDIATE AND ADVANCED Assembly Badminton Basketball Board games Bowling Bushwalking Cooking Craft Dancing Drama Drawing Excursions Graduation concert Ice skating IT Educational CD ROMS Longball Painting Paper making Singing Sport Soccer Swimming Table tennis Volleyball</p>

School Orientation Program

- IPS and non humanitarian students in Advanced levels for 2 days during their final term
- Handbooks are available for students to find out about school programs
- * Humanitarian students / special support
- * Variation – Supported visits over an extended period

Graduation

- Ceremony
- International Graduation lunch
- Graduation certificates
- Class magazine production

SIEC Advanced Course Accreditation

- Advanced course accreditation available to Years 11 and 12 students
- Gain credit towards their Year 12 Certificate by successful completion of requirements of advanced level units in the SIEC Advanced Course

0.5 standard units

- English text studies 1 & 2
- English Grammar
- Magazine Publishing
- English for academic purposes
- Language of science and Health
- SOSE & Mathematics
- Road Ready (when on offer)

University Admission Index (UAI)

- SIEC students can gain a 0.5 standard unit and then add this to the future standard units they will earn at their college.
- The SIEC unit and college units can then be combined for the 17 standard units, which are necessary for the ACT Year 12 Certificate.
- Depending on the pattern of a student's college courses, the 0.5 standard unit from the SIEC could satisfy part of the requirement for the awarding of a Universities Admission Index (UAI).

Community Partnerships

- Parent /guardian meetings
- Northside community centre
- Soulbeat – integrated program once a week
- Companion House – student and staff support
- Australian Federal Police (AFP) forums, outdoor activities, CIT
- Reclink, YWCA, JPET, Menslink
- Multicultural Youth Services (MYS)
- Migrant Resource Centre (MRC)

Community Benefits

- Connection
- Promotion of self esteem, development skills and health with MYS
- RecLink program – Friday afternoon World Games soccer - Joint collaboration with the AFP
- Development of trust with police force
- Special projects eg. Art Therapy
- Celebrations of SIEC milestones: 21st, 25th and 30th birthdays