



## Adjunct ESL Tutorial Programs for First Year Students at the University of Melbourne

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### **DELA and Adjunct ESL tutorial programs**

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## Background



- Compulsory DELA testing
- Support for DELA-identified students
- Adjunct ESL tutorial programs

Adjunct ESL program	Degree	'Support required' (DELA 3.3 or less)		Support recommended' (DELA 3.4 – 4.0)	
		Semester 1	Semester 2	Semester 1	Semester 2
Communicating in Biology/ Biomedicine	Science	4	2	16	2
	Agriculture	2	2	1	1
	Biomedicine	1	N.A.	4	N.A.
Communicating in Science	Science	1	1	1	2
Reshaping Environments ESL tutorial program	Environments	12	1	16	3
		<b>20</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Total students 2009</b>		<b>26 'required'</b>		<b>46 'recommended'</b>	

## Adjunct ESL programs at the University of Melbourne

2 programs:

- Bachelor of Science / Agriculture / Biomedicine
- Bachelor of Environments



## Challenges

- Compliance
- Student expectations versus program aims
- Need for on-going support
- Administration



## Benefits - students

- Contextualising language and academic skills within subject content
- Positive responses
- Academic performance
- Increased awareness of language development needs

*‘It provides a great opportunity for us to speak up and show our thinking processes.’ ‘Some tips such as critical reading were useful for other subjects as well.’*  
*(Environments Students)*

*‘...to know some strategies about study in university’*  
*‘...I can get many English skills and the way of getting in Australian culture and society in this class, which may help with the rest of my life.’* *(Science students)*

## Benefits – faculties and wider university

- Strengthened relationships
- Increased awareness about English and academic language transition issues



## Conclusions and recommendations

- Implementation largely successful
- Recommendations aimed at strengthening adjunct tutorial programs and the DELA process

