ABOUT US

At MIT Institute we know that learning English is a journey best taken in small steps. Challenges, fun and a sense of satisfaction are commonly found in our classrooms and it would be our pleasure in helping you navigate your way forward in the English-speaking world. With our ten-year experience in providing English to students from all over the globe we are perfectly suited to make your studying experience at our Institute memorable and enjoyable. Pride in our teaching team, friendly staff members, dynamic learning atmosphere and interesting course ensures that you will definitely find studying at MIT Institute meets your expectations and leads you to an exciting future. MIT Institute hopes to take this first and most important step with you and so we welcome you warmly and look forward to seeing you soon.

MIT Institute - From our Director of Studies

Welcome to MIT Institute, Sydney’s new dynamic and enjoyable language learning environment!

Our young and talented faculty of language teachers subscribe to the philosophy that it is much easier to understand a new and exciting culture if you can speak the language with ease.

We know that English learners face enormous challenges, yet they also bring stilllinguistic and cultural assets to our community. At MIT we value and promote 21st century knowledge and skills that bestow real advantages in today’s complex, interconnected world.

MIT’s Mission Statement and Goals reflect the values that guide everything we do each and every day. Whether in teaching, housing services, or personal attention, every staff member strives to meet and exceed our student’s expectations. Sydney is an amazing place and MIT is a truly unique experience. We hope you will consider becoming a valued friend because it would be our privilege to help in any way we can.

OUR SCHOOL

Established in 2006, MIT Institute provides a modern education experience, employing proven methods of teaching to ensure students obtain the best possible outcomes from their efforts. Our mission is to help people reach their maximum potential as language learners. We aim to do this by providing a wide variety of courses and study options that take into account the students’ previous language learning experiences, students’ own cultures and we also concentrate on the students’ future plans. Students’ progress is carefully monitored so that they receive all the support they need.

OUR LOCATION

MIT Institute is conveniently located near Sydney’s Town Hall right in the heart of the Central Business District. It can be easily reached by public transport.

There are plenty of food courts, shopping centres, banks and restaurants close to the school. MIT Institute is also within close walking distance of many famous tourist attractions including the Queen Victoria Building, Darling Harbour, the Sydney Opera House and the Sydney Harbour Bridge.

QUALITY ASSURANCE

✔ Teachers are enthusiastic, friendly and supportive, and students appreciate meaningful feedback on their progress from the teachers.
✔ The location encourages students to practice within authentic English speaking environments.
✔ The quality of the teaching is consistent across all courses.
✔ All the staff provide valuable information and support to the students.

Clayton Hopkins
Director of Studies - MIT Institute
SYDNEY
The perfect place to learn English.

Climate
There are four beautiful seasons in Sydney. Summer is not too hot and winter is not too cold. The climate is mild throughout the year. If you take a look at any photo of Sydney, you’ll also notice how beautiful and blue the sky is! The days are few when the sun doesn’t shine in Sydney.

Accommodation Options
You can apply for your accommodation through our college, such as Homestay and Share house; however, there are also some other accommodation options that you can pursue by yourself, such as arranging homestay by yourself, finding a place to live in the private rental market (like websites or newspapers), or through real estate agencies, which can give you a good idea of the type and cost of accommodation that is available.

Living cost in Sydney
Before you come, you should be aware of how much it will cost you to live and study in Australia. On average, you should expect to pay about $300 per week for your living costs because you will need to pay for your rent, food, transport, etc. (only an average cost; you may need to prepare more money for your life here due to your other needs.)

Tourist Attractions
The Sydney Opera House with its unique sails was designed by Jorn Utzon, a famous Danish architect. Together with the Sydney Harbour Bridge, it is the most well-known symbol of Sydney. It is located at Bennelong Point. It was completed in 1973 after 14 years of construction.

The Harbour Bridge is a spectacular sight. You can experience it all on the stunning Bridge climb tour, which is popular with not only tourists but locals as well.

There are also many beautiful beaches. While Bondi Beach is the most famous beach in Sydney, there are many other beaches located to the north and to the south of the centre of the city. They are all accessible by public transport. Sydney really is an excellent city for surfers.

But if you’re not into surfing, then there is something at the beaches for you, too. Most beaches have attractive cafes and restaurants which serve delicious food.

You can also enjoy national parks such as the Blue Mountains with its stunning scenery or the white sandy beaches at Pitt Stephens or even catch a train and go to Monset to see some wildlife.
WHY US?
Something more to know about us.

1 EDUCATION
MIT’s objectives are to:
- provide quality language education and teacher training.
- match courses closely to our students’ educational needs, and to help them to achieve their learning goals.
- provide an optimum learning environment to promote the improvement of English skills.
- encourage and facilitate cross-cultural understanding.
- improve what we do continuously, in light of new developments in our field.
And to do all this in a friendly, positive, supportive and helpful manner.

2 TEACHERS
Many of our teachers have lived overseas. All have taught in Australia and some have experience in teaching overseas.

Our teachers can help students understand Australian culture and society as many of them are born in Australia or have lived here for a very long time.

All are well-qualified having university degrees, diplomas and certificates in TESOL. Some staff also hold postgraduate qualifications in linguistics and TESOL.

3 HELP & SUPPORT
A close liaison between staff and students ensures that students receive individual care and attention.

Our experienced staff understand the difficulties students living abroad face and are ready to help students with them. Students can expect to get the correct advice on things like health services, welfare, accommodation and employment.

4 CURRICULUM
We have a variety of courses to suit every need of English learning. General English, EAP, IELTS and Cambridge, and the teachers will work closely with you to make sure all aspects of your language development are covered.

Each course follows a textbook and the teachers will also provide you with other material, such as different textbooks, films, websites and, sometimes, they will take you on excursions to places that are related to the topics or themes you are studying.

You will usually have one to two teachers for regular classes, and different teachers for Special Focus Module classes.

5 TIMETABLE

**Morning class (Mon-Thu)**

- 8:30-10:00  1st Session
- 10:10-11:40 2nd Session
- Lunch Break
- 12:20-13:20 3rd Session
- 13:30-14:30 Special Focus Modules

**Evening class (Mon-Fri)**

- 15:30-17:30 Special Focus Modules
- 16:30-17:30 Special Focus Modules
- 17:40-19:10 1st Session
- 19:20-20:50 2nd Session

**Special Focus Modules**

*See next page for more details*

6 PATHWAYS
Successful completion of our EAP & IELTS preparation course allows you to enter our partner college without doing IELTS Text.
OUR COURSES
We offer students' educational needs, and help them to achieve their learning goals.

General English
About the Course:
The students will learn to improve their ability in:
- understanding spoken English,
- communicating in common situations by using language functions and the appropriate vocabulary,
- reading and understanding high-frequency vocabulary and simple sentences,
- writing paragraphs with accurate spelling and punctuation and to understanding and using accurate grammatical structures.

Entry Requirement:
There is no requirement for this course. MIT Institute will conduct a placement test to place you in the most suitable level of the course that we can offer.

Foundation in IELTS
About the Course:
Don’t be scared by the name “IELTS”, because this course is the perfect transition into Academic or Professional English. This course provides a comprehensive introduction to higher level English Language courses which are becoming more and more popular and necessary every year, such as: Cambridge FCE, IELTS, EAP and Advanced level general English courses.

Entry Requirement:
- You need to have graduated from high school AND
- You have successfully finished General English at an intermediate level OR
- You can show a level equivalent to 4.5 IELTS General Training, TOEIC 510 or other equivalent international tests.

Cambridge FCE
About the Course:
If your answer is “Yes” to one or more of the questions below, you should consider FCE Preparation at MIT!!
- Do you feel that your English is fairly good, but hasn’t improved beyond the level of day-to-day communication?
- Do you want to use English as an effective tool for better employment?
- Do you simply want to keep studying English, but want something other than General English?

Entry Requirement:
- You need to have graduated from high school AND
- You have successfully finished General English at an upper-intermediate level OR
- You can show a level equivalent to 5.0 IELTS General Training, TOEIC 560 or other equivalent international tests.

Special Focus Modules (S.F.Ms)
we have developed a successful range of Special Focus Module classes that work in tandem with the student’s core class to facilitate a strategic approach to improving English language skills.

1. Students can choose a different Focus Module every day or continue in the same class over time in order to provide the greatest possible grounding in each particular skill.

2. Each one-hour class provides a fun way for students to mix and socialise in a supportive atmosphere with students from other levels, nationalities and backgrounds, in order to broaden their contact with the largest amount of English users.

3. The flexibility of our classes and teachers combined with the wide range of different topics and modules allows our students to quickly and effectively improve the skills in which they feel most important to their needs.

The range of classes is outlined below:
- Speaking & Conversation Module
- Pronunciation Module
- Lower Grammar & Vocabulary
- Upper Grammar & Vocabulary
- Exam Skills Module
OTHER SERVICES
Other Services We Provide for You

TEACHERS
The true heart and soul of MIT Institute and the reason for our popularity is without doubt our teaching staff. All the teachers within the MIT family are unmatched in Australia for their experience, dedication, empathy and support. Our native English-speaking academic teachers and trainers are drawn from all points of the English-speaking globe with representation from Australia, the United States of America, England, Scotland, Ireland, New Zealand and South Africa. This diversity allows MIT Institute the added advantage of providing our clients with the most immersive English language learning experience possible.

EXCURSIONS
MIT Institute offers excursions as part of external activities including visits to Sydney Aquarium, Powerhouse Museum, Hyde Park, New South Wales Art Gallery, Taronga Zoo among others locations. Our excursions have been very popular with all students who appreciate the opportunity to explore Sydney.

LIBRARY
There is a fantastic Library on Level 2 in the same building where MIT Institute is situated. Our students can use this facility for FREE! The SMSA Library is a perfect place to spend a quiet lunch hour or visit before/after class for studying. E-magazines, E-books, Audiobooks are also free and can be viewed on your smartphone, tablet or computer.

ACCOMMODATION
MIT Institute can arrange homestay accommodation, share house and student dormitory for you, or alternatively, you can find your own. Sharing accommodation is very popular with students in Sydney so there are often share flats and apartments advertised on college notice boards, the internet and in newspapers.