

Elective Options

Specific Skills



Emphasis

Kaplan International Colleges in New Zealand offer a range of Specific Skills classes that allow students to choose a course of study appropriate to their needs and interests. These options are offered at a variety of levels and have been carefully chosen to suit the needs of students at that level, allowing them to improve their English as quickly and enjoyably as possible.

Specific Skills classes are 8 lessons per week, running in five week modules, varying between 1-4 modules in length. At the end of each of each Specific Skills class, students choose a new Specific Skills class in consultation with their teacher during their end of module tutorial.

Many Specific Skills classes include weekly review quizzes and end of module tests that allow students to track their progress.

Please see over for descriptions of each Specific Skills class running in May 2011.

Class facts

Class start dates

Various start dates available - please see below for classes running at KIC Auckland (May 2011)

Class entry level

Beginner

– Communication Skills

Elementary and Lower Intermediate

– Everyday English
– Skills Express
– Language Focus

Intermediate

– Conversation and Pronunciation
– Improve Your Writing
– Language Focus Plus
– Skills Builder

Higher Intermediate and Advanced

– Advanced Skills
– Language Focus
– English Through the Media

* Specific Skills classes run subject to demand

Specific Skills classes

Beginner

Communication Skills

This elective aims to introduce students to the key grammatical functions and vocabulary needed to express themselves in everyday situations. This elective is perfect for students needing a running start to their language learning.

Elementary and Lower-Intermediate

Everyday English

This elective aims to consolidate and build on students' existing knowledge of basic grammatical functions and vocabulary by using real world examples and everyday situations. This elective is perfect for lower level students needing to improve their English skills for day to day communication.

Skills Express

This elective aims to improve students' macro skills of Reading, Writing, Listening and speaking by using a range of authentic materials that will challenge lower level students. This elective is perfect for lower level students needing to improve their productive and receptive skills.

Language Focus

This elective aims to improve students' awareness and use of fundamental grammatical structures and vocabulary by targeting this language in authentic contexts. This elective is perfect for lower level students needing to improve their lexical range and accuracy.

Intermediate

Conversation and Pronunciation

This elective aims to improve students' spoken fluency, accuracy and pronunciation by using theme based lessons to encourage students to practice their spoken production and interaction. Particular attention is paid to aspects of pronunciation that impede communication and understanding. This elective is perfect for Intermediate students needing to take their speaking skills to the next level.

Improve Your Writing

This elective aims to improve students' writing skills by focusing on analysing the task, brainstorming ideas and planning a composition. This elective is perfect for intermediate students needing to build their writing skills for commonly encountered writing tasks.

Language Focus Plus

This elective aims to improve students' awareness and use of Intermediate grammatical structures and vocabulary by targeting this language in authentic contexts. This elective builds on the skills and knowledge learned in 'Language focus' and is perfect for intermediate students needing to improve their range and accuracy in speaking and writing.

Skills Builder

This elective aims to improve students' macro skills of Reading, Writing, Listening and Speaking by using a range of authentic materials that will challenge Intermediate students. This elective builds on the skills learned in 'Skills Express' and is perfect for Intermediate students needing to improve their productive and receptive skills.

Higher-Intermediate

Advanced Skills

This elective aims to improve students' macro skills of Reading, Writing, Listening and speaking by using a range of authentic materials that will challenge Higher level students. This elective builds on the skills learned in 'Skills Builder' and is perfect for Higher level students needing to improve their productive and receptive skills.

Advanced

Language Focus

This elective aims to improve students' awareness and use of Advanced grammatical structures and vocabulary by targeting this language in authentic contexts. This elective builds on the skills and knowledge learned in 'Language focus Plus' and is perfect for higher level students needing to improve their range and accuracy in speaking and writing.

English Through the Media

This elective aims to improve student's skills, knowledge of grammatical constructs and vocabulary through analysis of different media. The Internet, TV shows, Movies and Print Media are used to focus on new language forms and as an authentic context for teaching vocabulary. Skills practice based on the media will extend student's abilities to communicate effectively. This elective is perfect for students with an interest in the media and taking a different approach to learning English.