What is AUSLAN?

Australian Sign Language is the contemporary visual-spatial language of an Australian linguistic minority group, the Australian Deaf community. While it is derived from British Sign Language, Auslan has developed into a unique Australian language characterised by its own grammar and lexicon. Auslan does not have a written form and is a highly contextualised language.

The study of Auslan contributes to the overall education of students, particularly in:

- Communication
- Cross-cultural understanding
- Literacy
- General knowledge.

Auslan includes a variety of grammatical features:

- Hand shape
- Location
- Movement
- Orientation
- Non manual features; eg facial expression

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Curriculum and assessment

⇒ Students learn to communicate using Auslan in a variety of ways in different situations.
⇒ They must become proficient in both expressive (signing) and receptive (reading what others are signing) skills.
⇒ Students are assessed from Outcomes which are specific tasks to be done on video.
⇒ Students are marked according to fluency, accuracy of signs, use of facial expressions and appropriate grammatical structures.

Why is learning Auslan of benefit?

⇒ Because in any business, it is an advantage to be bi-lingual.
⇒ There are over 10,000 signing deaf people living in Australia.
⇒ Deaf people will travel miles to see a service provider who uses Auslan.
⇒ You can also employ deaf staff in your own business.

Some specific careers where Auslan can be used:

⇒ Teacher of the Deaf
⇒ Speech pathologist
⇒ Interpreter
⇒ Counsellor
⇒ Psychologist

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