



Teacher Resource

# Auslan School

## Focus Questions

Discuss the BTN story as a class and record the main points of the discussion. Students will then respond to the following:

1. Summarise the BTN Auslan School story in three sentences. Share your summary with another student. How did your summaries differ?
2. What is Auslan?
3. Which two languages do the students at Klemzig Primary School use in their learning?
4. What is HOLME?
5. Do you think more Aussie schools should teach Auslan? Give reasons for your answer.

## Activity: Class Discussion

### Before Watching

Before watching the BTN Auslan School story students will brainstorm what they already know about Auslan. Record student's responses during the discussion.



### After Watching

After watching the BTN story students respond to the following questions:

- What is Auslan? What is the word Auslan short for?
- What is the history of Auslan?
- What did you learn watching the BTN story?
- What did you find interesting about the story?
- Do you think Auslan should be taught in more schools? Why or why not?



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### KEY LEARNING

Students will learn how to fingerspell using the Auslan alphabet.

### CURRICULUM

#### Health and PE – Years 3 & 4

Describe and demonstrate how respect and empathy can be expressed to positively influence relationships

#### Health and PE – Years 5 & 6

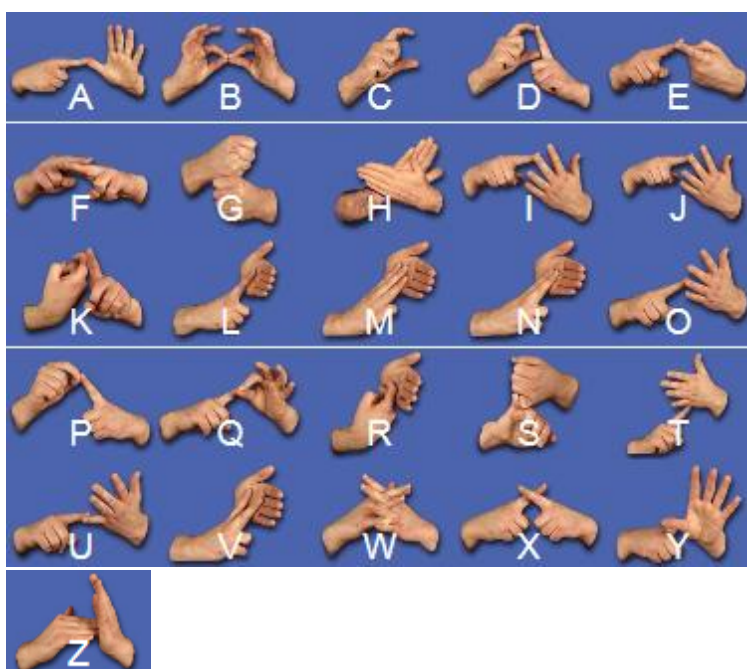
Describe how valuing diversity influences wellbeing and identify actions that promote inclusion in their communities

## Activity: Learning the Auslan alphabet

Students will learn to fingerspell using the Auslan alphabet. Fingerspelling is an important part of Auslan. Words are spelt letter by letter using both hands. It is mainly used to spell proper nouns such as names of people or places. Visit the [Auslan Signbank](#) for tips on finger spelling.

Students have a go at finger spelling their name and some short words and phrases.

- Hello
  - Good morning
  - Please
  - Thank you
  - How are you
- [Practise your fingerspelling](#) with randomly generated words.
  - Reflect on what was challenging about this activity and what you enjoyed.



Students can also practise signing [Auslan numbers](#). Have a go at including numbers in a short phrase.



## Activity: Story Time in Auslan

ABC Education has put together a collection [of Australian children's books signed in Auslan](#). Students can watch the stories and then answer the questions in the 'things to think about' section.

[Bear and Rat](#)

[My Strange Shrinking Parents](#)

[The Tiny Explorers](#)

[Australia Under the Sea 1, 2, 3](#)

[Flipper and Finnegan](#)

[Welcome, Little One](#)

[Amma's Sari](#)

[Come Over To My House](#)

[Too Many Cheeky Dogs](#)

[Go Home, Cheeky Animals!](#)



## Useful Websites

- [Sign Language Day](#) – BTN
- [Signing the News](#) – BTN
- [Auslan Interpreters](#) – BTN
- [Auslan Signbank](#)