13 February 2015

French Tour/Exchange 2016

Dear Parents and Guardians

Iona Presentation College, Methodist Ladies’ College and Christ Church Grammar School have now commenced planning a three-week language tour and study exchange to France to take place in April 2016. We are most pleased to be able to present this wonderful opportunity to current students of French in Years 9 to 11.

The tour will be similar to that of the successfully conducted 2014 tour. It will involve one week of touring and sightseeing in Paris and Versailles, followed by a two-week home stay in St Quentin, where exchange participants will be hosted by students from Lycée St Jean et la Croix. St Quentin is a city situated on the Somme, approximately 130km north of Paris.

Please note that the dates are from Saturday 9 April to Sunday 1 May 2016. This covers the period of the last week of Term 1 and the following Term 1 holidays. We are also planning to attend Anzac Day activities at Villers-Bretonneux, prior to our departure for Perth.

Our French friends at Lycée St Jean et la Croix will then visit Perth during the Term 2 holidays and the first week of Term 3. It is therefore expected that students who participate in the tour in April will be available to host our French friends when they visit Australia in July.

To assist us with planning, we request an indication of commitment to the tour, which includes the aforementioned compulsory hosting of for our French visitors during the July holidays. Please consider the following necessary criteria, which may assist you in arriving at your decision:

- All students accepted for the tour will need to have an exemplary record of behaviour.
- It is essential that all students accepted for the tour are able to host for the July period.
- All students accepted for the tour will need to be fit for overseas travel.
- All students participating in the tour will be required to research a particular point of interest relating to the trip and be able to present their report to the group when in France.
- Students who nominate to participate in the tour may be interviewed by Head of Languages Nicola Griffin-Appadoo to confirm their participation.
- Priority for the tour will be offered to those students committed to studying French to the completion of Year 12 and to those undertaking the exchange for the first time. Students who participated in 2014 will be offered a place if vacancies exist at the time of booking, based on the advice of the Head of Languages.

Successful applicants will then be notified and a deposit of $800 will be due shortly after notification. Whilst the total cost is not yet finalised, indications to date place the amount in the vicinity of $6500. We request that the attached form is returned to confirm commitment to the tour. Your son’s application to participate should be submitted by Friday 13 March.

Should you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Nicola Griffin-Appadoo
Head of Languages