

17 October 2016

Dear Parents

### **FRENCH LANGUAGE AND CULTURAL TOUR TO NEW CALEDONIA 2017**

I would like to offer your son the opportunity to take part in an educational excursion to New Caledonia. French is the official language in New Caledonia and being only a short flight from Brisbane, it is becoming increasingly popular for Australian students of French.

This opportunity is being offered to boys who will be studying French in 2017 in Years 9, 10, 11 and 12, although whether the trip proceeds will depend on numbers. The boys who have previously participated in the tour have found it a very worthwhile experience and also most enjoyable.

The proposed date for the trip is from **Saturday, 16 September to Saturday, 23 September 2017**, the first week of the September holidays. A summary of the trip inclusions is attached for your perusal.

Such a trip is of great benefit to students since it should be both culturally and educationally enlightening. It is an unfortunate fact that language students in Australia often have no real opportunity to apply the knowledge they have gained. What is being offered here is a chance to apply this knowledge in a real life situation, and to experience first hand the language which is spoken by 200 million people throughout the world: French is the second language of the Pacific after English, and is also one of the official languages of the United Nations, UNESCO, the European Economic Community, the International Court of Justice, the World Health Organisation, the South Pacific Commission and the International Olympic Federation.

If you feel this trip would be of benefit to your son and you wish him to have this experience, please return the enclosed green form and required deposit on or before Wednesday, 10 November 2016.

For any questions you may have, please contact me on 07 4687 2640 or email, [e.parrington@twgs.qld.edu.au](mailto:e.parrington@twgs.qld.edu.au).

Yours sincerely

**Elouise C. Parrington**  
**HEAD OF LANGUAGES**

## SUMMARY OF DETAILS

### 2017 TGS French Tour to New Caledonia

The aim of the tour is to give all participants an insight into the French language and the culture of New Caledonia.

**WHEN:** Saturday, 16 September (10:00am) to Saturday, 23 September 2017 (3:40pm)  
(departure from and return to Brisbane International Airport)

**DURATION:** 8 days (7 nights)

**TOUR COST:** \$2500 per person

- Deposit of \$500 to be paid on or before Wednesday, 10 November 2016
- First Instalment of \$1000 to be paid on or before Friday, 21 April 2017
- Final Instalment of \$1000 to be paid on or before Friday, 2 June 2017

**TOUR COST INCLUDES:**

- Return airfares Brisbane/Noumea/Brisbane (Aircalin - Qantas)
- Transfers Tontouta / Hotel Le Pacifique /Tontouta
- 2 nights accommodation (first and last nights) on a triple share basis at the Hotel Le Pacifique, including continental breakfasts
- 2 course traditional dinner on final night
- 5 nights homestay (in pairs) with French families (breakfast & dinner each day)
- 4 x 3 hour French lessons at Institut Voltaire including enrolment fee - <http://institutvoltaire.ile.nc/Home.html>
- Current airport taxes and levies
- Travel insurance
- Full day excursion to Amedée Lighthouse with lunch & entertainment
- Local excursions (Petit Train City Tour; Le Marché; Le Musée Territorial; l'Aquarium; Le Centre Culturel Tjibaou; Le Parc Forestier; La Cathédrale St Joseph; le Musée de la Ville; Ile aux Canards)

**EXTRA COSTS:**

- \$70 - \$100 - 5x lunches to be purchased in town.
- \$30 - \$50 - pocket money for a souvenir.
- (It is suggested that \$150 - \$200 is placed in a Cash Passport Card or Debit Card for ease of withdrawal and security)
- Passport (must be valid until at least April 2018)
- Visa, if you are not travelling on an Australian or New Zealand Passport

**STAFF:** The tour will be escorted by two Toowoomba Grammar School French teachers

Mrs E. Parrington  
Toowoomba Grammar School  
Margaret Street  
Toowoomba Qld 4350

Dear Mrs Parrington

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby give permission for  
\_\_\_\_\_ to travel to New Caledonia  
as a member of the Toowoomba Grammar School French Group.

I also agree to pay any additional expenses which may arise from my son's participation in the tour.

I understand that, once payments have been made, no refunds will be made on withdrawal from the trip, unless the position is filled by another person.

Please make a note that \$500 deposit is to be paid to secure your sons' place on the tour. In paying this deposit, you also agree to pay the first instalment of \$1000 on or before Friday, 21 April 2017 and the final instalment of \$1000 on or before Friday, 2 June 2017. (Again, this can be made via the above link).

Payments can be made via the Toowoomba Grammar webpage, clicking on Community and then TGS Event Registration & Payment.

The direct link is: <http://www.twgs.qld.edu.au/community/event-regpayments>

>> Select Group = Tours

>> Select Event = French Tour 2017

>> Complete required information and follow prompts for payment.

For other methods of payment, please contact the Accounts Department directly. Please do not make payments using BPay, as these will go toward school fees.

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(Parent Signature)

*To secure a place on this language and cultural tour, please return this form, along with deposit, on or before Wednesday, 10 November 2016.*