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Dear Parents

FRENCH LANGUAGE AND CULTURAL NEW CALEDONIA TOUR 2019

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 studying French.

This opportunity is being offered to boys who will be studying French in 2019 in Years 9, 10, and 11 and will proceed should there be adequate 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 **Thursday, 19 September to Thursday, 26 September 2019**, 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 Friday, 16 November 2018.

For any questions you may have, please contact me on 07 4687 2640 or email at e.parrington@twgs.qld.edu.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'E.P.', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Elouise C. Parrington
HEAD OF DEPARTMENT - LANGUAGES

SUMMARY OF DETAILS

French Language and Cultural New Caledonia Tour 2019

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

WHEN: Thursday, 19 September to Thursday, 26 September 2019
(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 Friday, 16 November 2018
- First Instalment of \$1000 to be paid on or before Friday, 29 March 2019
- Final Instalment of \$1000 to be paid on or before Friday, 31 May 2019

TOUR COST INCLUDES:

- Return airfares Brisbane/Noumea/Brisbane (Aircalin - Qantas)
- Transfers Tontouta Airport / Hotel Nouvata Parc /Tontouta Airport
- 2 nights' accommodation (first and last nights) on a triple share basis at the Hotel Nouvata Parc, 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 CREIPAC (including enrolment fee)
- 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; Mont Koghi Accrobranche activities; La Cathédrale St Joseph; le Musée de la Ville; Ile aux Canards)

EXTRA COSTS:

- \$70 - \$100 - 5 x 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 2020)
- 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
24 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 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, 29 March 2019 and the final instalment of \$1000 on or before Friday, 31 May 2019.

Payments should 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 - New Caledonia Tour 2019
- >> 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.

(Parent Signature)

To secure a place on this language and cultural tour, please return this form, along with deposit, on or before Friday, 16 November 2018.