

Proviseur's *P.& C.* Report

School year 2019

May 2019

Second term is just starting and we already have to remind that the French Academic year is getting to an end. Indeed, Secondary students are finishing their French academic year beginning of July and will start a new one, end of July after a short break but staying in the same Australian level.

As every year, some of our teachers will go back to work in France or in some other French school abroad (with 496 AEFÉ schools in the world, they do have a lot of choice!)

- In Primary, it will be the case for Mrs AHAMADA (left at the end of term 1), Mrs LEGUAY, M. BAUDRY and Mrs RAULT.

After our recruiting process (we had about 200 applicants), teachers have now been selected. It was not easy organize long relief in the middle of school year for Mrs AHAMADA until the arrival of the teacher who will replace her, in August.

New Primary teachers will be M. Florent BUATOIS, M. Raphael HERNANDES and M. Olivier CALDAIROU. Mrs RAULT will be replaced by Mrs Catherine BUATOIS who has a long experience of management in French and International schools all around the world.

We'll welcome them and introduce them to you in due time.

- In Secondary, teachers leaving will be Mrs Cecile CHEREL (Maths), M. Jean-Luc BOURDIEU (History-Geography) and M. Laurent LEGUAY (History-Geography). They will all be replaced by accredited experimented teachers coming from France or a French school abroad. We'll thus welcome in three months: Mrs Karine LAMARQUE (Maths), M. Nicolas JEGO (History-Geography) and M. Clement LANGLOIS (History-Geography).

- One of my assistant, Mrs Catherine BUCHOLZ is now working 60%. I am looking for a new colleague who could work on the remaining 40%.

We warmly thank the teachers leaving Telopea Park School / Lycée franco- australien de Canberra for their commitment to the school and their hard work.

Each and every one of them contributed to bring a little bit of France into our school to ensure that our students would get the best bilingual education possible.

AEFE News

- Last week we welcomed Mrs Catherine SCUBLA an AEFE expert teacher in French literature from Sydney and she worked two days with the concerned TPS and NARC teachers.
 - This week, we are welcoming Mrs Claudie RICCI, AEFE Primary Inspector. As every year, the inspector comes to visit some classes, assess our teacher's pedagogy. She will lead one meeting with Primary teachers, on Thursday evening.
- Mrs RICCI will visit us for the last time, as inspector. She will retire at the end of August. She will be replaced by a new inspector who will be located at Singapore.
- Due to changes in the AEFE policy, the Primary inspector will not be able to come and visit us every year, from September 2019.
- And to end this part about AEFE, I announce the departure of M. Bruno VALERY as representative of the AEFE Director for Asian-pacific. He has been promoted to a top AEFE in Paris. He will be replaced in September by M. Gilles AGOSTINO.

Exams

Our students have been actively preparing for the Baccaureate and Brevet National Diploma exams while participating in the last preparatory exams sessions. Years 11 and 12 classes during Week 2 of second term and Year 9 will do an oral mock exam, week 4, after school time.

Calendar for assessments and results

Brevet

Week 6: Oral Brevet examination – EFS Y9 students – TPS

21 and 22 June: optional time for revisions. *During these two days, students will have the possibility to review at home under their parents'supervision or they will have the possibility to come to school.*

Their usual French teachers will do revisions with them, on the French lines.

24 and 25 June, EFS Y9 students will sit at the Alliance Française for the brevet.

They will be back to school, on 26 June – 8:50AM-.

Brevet corrections will be for the first time on line.

28 June or 1 July: Brevet Moderation by visioconference

2 July – 6PM: Brevet results

French Bacculaureate (all exams in Canberra, for the 1st time)

17 May: PE optional for 10 EFS Y12 students

Week 4 : English oral examinations for EFS Y12 students – scientific stream-NARC

29 May : PE bac exam for EFS Y12– 4th session- NARC

End of May- beginning of June : Oral bac exam by skype with France and Japan (Arabic, Dutch and Japanese) for 5 EFS Y12 students – TPS

3 June : Science exams (practise and oral) for EFS Y12- NARC

During week 6 or 7: Oral bac exam – Biology in English- for all Y12 EFS students - NARC

6 June after lessons: End of courses for EFS Y12 students

From 7 June to 1 July : Suspension of lessons for EFS Y11 students. Review time and examinations - *However EFS Y11 students will later receive more information for attendance of the English line at NARC.*

Week 7 and 8 : Bac examinations for EFS Y12 students - NARC

Week 8: Preliminary bac examinations for EFS Y11 students – NARC

28 June- 8 PM: Bac results

EFS Y11 students back to Narrabundah College on 1 July 2019

3 July: Bac Medals Ceremony – French Embassy

Conseils de classe and conseils de cycle

Like each term, conseils de classe will take place for all levels.

From now on, and for each beginning of a new French school year, a new column appears on the French reports indicating to families the major three skills and two contents of the programs worked during the period, in accordance with the French ministerial instructions. all lines will be present on the French report to show all that the Australian subjects are as important as the French subjects. Unfortunately, comments for Australian subjects will no longer appear on the reports except for Y6, as Australian teachers have considered this work as a work overload.

Week 3: Y6 conseils de classe – 1st period

Week 6 : EFS Y11 and Y12 Conseils de classe – NARC

Conseils de classe – 3rd period- EFS Y9

Week 8 : Conseils de Classe – 3rd period- EFS Y10

Week 9 : Conseils de classe – 3rd period- Y8

Week 10: Conseils de classe – 2nd period – EFS Y7

In the Primary, conseils de cycle will also take place in order to identify, follow the students in special needs and to establish strategies to support these students.

A conseil de cycle will occur with colleagues from FAPS to prepare the arrival of their students in our KG classes, next year.

Communication

Many information nights organized during this month:

Last week:

- Information night for future KG parents explaining the expectations of the bilingual stream as well as the enrolment process with new criteria
- Information night for EFS Y11 students about the expectations of the French baccalaureate and about Post-Bac studies. Meeting followed by the EFS Y11 and 12 parents-teachers interviews.

This week:

- Information night for future Y7 parents
- Information night for Y10 parents and students about college studies

In week 5, I shall also conduct an information night for EFS Y6 parents and students about the expectations of the English French stream in high school.

For 2019 enrolments in KG and the following years, we worked with board members in a board sub-committee, on the modification of the entry conditions by prioritizing in particular the knowledge of the French language. The goal is to put the child in the best conditions for success.

As mentioned before, the information was given to the future KG parents during the information night and it is now published on our website.

ATAR

Last year, we heard that the table converting the averages of the French bac of our students in ATAR had been modified as well as the registration procedures for our French bac students.

At the end of March, a meeting was held with members of the French Embassy, representatives of the group of 8, the proviseur of Condorcet High School in Sydney and me.

The objectives of this first meeting were:

- to know the reasons for these changes,
- to improve the transmission of information for our students and their families,
- to propose our help within the framework of these changes so that the universities can decide with knowledge of cause, while raising awareness of the French baccalaureate and also of the future French baccalaureate.
- to make known our two schools

Since then we had a first exchange with the Deputy Vice Chancellor of the university of Adelaide; we will have one with the Deputy Vice Chancellor of the Australian National University.

School trips

- The exchange with the international College of Grenoble which lasted nearly a month is over. All went well; our students were officially received at the town hall of the city.
- Exchange with Noumea in New Caledonia

Our preparation of the Year 6 classes Exchange with College BAUDOUX is progressing. The exchange will happen in September for Telopea Park School Students going to Noumea. And I shall be one of the supervising adults. It will also be the opportunity to meet with my new colleagues of College Baudoux and also to meet with Kerrie French officials and Australian officials working in Noumea, in order to strengthen our links.

We shall welcome in the end of October the Noumea students who hosted our students last year; they will be hosted by their billets now in Y7.

Voluntary contribution for French stream

I will join Kerrie to thank the almost hundred families who have already paid the \$400 per child in the French Stream.

As term 2 begins, we are reminding that this contribution is vital to maintain the standards in the French Stream that we are presently able to offer.

Your support by contributing to the French Stream would be greatly appreciated.

David Binan

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