FRANCE STUDY TOUR 2015

12 SEPTEMBER – 2 OCTOBER
WHY GO?

- Improve all French language skills, especially listening and speaking
- Improve confidence in speaking French
- Improve confidence and independence generally
- Further develop cultural awareness and sensitivity
- Develop knowledge in history, the arts, science
- Become a global citizen!
- Build life-long friendships
HOW MUCH?

- The total cost will be a maximum of $5,000.
- This includes all expenses except a passport, one lunch in Paris, gifts for hosts and spending money.
- Spending money is needed to buy a nice gift for parents but not much else ($200 would be fine, $500 would be an upper limit). Banks can organise a debit card for your child.
- Apart from one lunch that students will buy themselves all meals, transport, accommodation and activities are provided.
SISTER SCHOOL: LYCEE SAINTE MARIE DU PORT

- Staff at Williamstown have had a relationship with the school and its staff since 2004
- Our sister school students first visited us in 2011
- They visited again in 2013 and will visit again in 2015
- Ideally, students who travel to France will host a student in March 2015 for approximately 2 weeks. This is not a selection criterion it just adds to the real nature of ‘exchange’
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<td>Depart from Pasco Campus in the morning</td>
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<td>Fri 11 Sept</td>
<td>Guided bus tour of Paris, walking tour of Le Marais, Paris islands and Montmartre</td>
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<td>Sat 12 Sept</td>
<td>Versailles, Eiffel Tower, Bateau Mouche along the Seine</td>
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<td>Sun 13 Sept</td>
<td>Loire Valley châteaux, overnight in Tours</td>
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<td>Mon 14 Sept</td>
<td>More châteaux and gardens before arrival at sister school</td>
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<td>Two weeks with host families at sister school: numerous activities in and out of class as well as visiting local sites, cities and islands</td>
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<td>Mon 28 Sept</td>
<td>Guided tour and overnight in Le Mans</td>
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<td>Tues 29 Sept</td>
<td>Return to Paris for guided visit of Musée d’Orsay and banks of the Seine</td>
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<td>Wed 30 Sept</td>
<td>Guided visit of the Louvre, wander the Champs Elysées, climb the Arc de Triomphe</td>
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<td>Thurs 1 Oct</td>
<td>Airport and home</td>
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<td>Fri 2 Oct</td>
<td>Pick up at Tullamarine early evening hopefully</td>
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CONSIDERATIONS

- Students will miss 1.5 weeks of school
- Students will return on the last Friday of the holidays
- Students will attend school in France (not every day)
- Students need to accept they are part of a group and will spend their holidays with their teachers!
- Students need to be committed to getting the most out of the trip for their French studies, including launching into the host family experience
- No alternative travel arrangements can be catered for (all students fly to and from France together)
HOW DO SIGN UP?

- Hand in the consent and medical form
- Pay a $500 deposit at the Pasco office by the end of August. Most of this is non-refundable as it will lock in our airline tickets.
- Make a $500 payment every month (excluding summer holidays) until $5,000 is paid
- Apply for or update passports immediately (Passports will need 6 months validity - until 2 April 2016)
THEN WHAT?

- More information will be provided at a subsequent meeting, including advice on clothing, packing, money, phones, homesickness etc.

- Check your emails regularly as all correspondence will be via email, and generally group emails. Please let us know if you are not happy to share your email.