



Bacchus Marsh
Grammar

Dear **Parents/Guardians**,

We had a lot of interest for a New Caledonia Study Tour designed for the current Year 8 students, which we planned for 2023. The Languages Department are really excited to be able to start offering overseas trips again.

However, since the initial expressions of interest went out, there has been strict criteria placed on how overseas trips are managed at Bacchus Marsh Grammar. Students will need to meet certain criteria before they are invited to pay a deposit. The criteria includes:

- Pastoral checks: students need to be mature enough to cope with being overseas for a period of time,
- Financial checks: all school fees need to be up to date,
- Behavioural checks: students need to have shown that they are responsible, well-mannered and good role models, and they also need to be medically fit to participate in all activities.

To attend an overseas trip as a school group is not a right, it is a privilege, and students not only represent their school, they also represent their country when travelling overseas.

As airfares and other associated travel costs have increased significantly over the past few months, the revised cost of the New Caledonia Study Tour is approximately \$3750. This cost will depend on a minimum number of students attending.

We are seeking expressions of interest for any students who still wish to participate in this wonderful opportunity from Sunday 17 – Saturday 23 September 2023. This cost will include 2 meals per day, all airfares, accommodation, language lessons and tours around Noumea. We have a very busy itinerary planned and the main aim is to expose your children to spoken French in the real world and experience another culture and country.

We seek expressions of interest by Wednesday 1 March 2023.

Kind regards,

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