



Bacchus Marsh
Grammar

Expressions of Interest

Proposed Trip to Paris and Lyons, France Easter 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Bacchus Marsh Grammar is keen to resume the biannual linguistic exchange with Lyons, and our cultural visit to Paris. This exchange has been ongoing for a number of years. However, as a result of Covid, no trips have taken place since 2018.

The proposed dates (subject to airlines confirmation and final pricing) will be from **23 March 2024 to 13 April 2024**. This trip will be limited to a maximum of 20 students from the **current** Year 8 to Year 10 students at both Maddingley and Woodlea campuses. A minimum of 15 students will be required for this trip to proceed. The cost, at present, is based on 20 students participating in the exchange will be approximately **\$7200.00** and spending money.

Students will spend the first six nights in Paris where they will visit the well know attractions and will then make their way down to Lyons, where they will be hosted by families of the students from Le Lycée Sainte-Marie, La Verpillière. Students will attend both the school to participate in French lessons which will be organised by the school, as well as participate in a variety of cultural visits which will be organised by the school in France. Given that the second part of this trip is an exchange there is, consequently, an expectation that those who participate will also host their French "exchange brother or sister" when they visit Melbourne in July/August 2024.

As with all overseas trips at Bacchus Marsh Grammar, each and every participant will be expected to adhere to Bacchus Marsh Grammar rules at all times, and the signing of a behaviour contract will form part of the pre-acceptance requirements. It is imperative that all students realise that their deeds and actions will reflect not only upon the Bacchus Marsh Grammar community, but upon Australia as a country. Consequently, the school reserves the right to not proceed with any Expression of Interest submitted by parents. Participation in this trip is a privilege, it is not a right.

The process to request a place on this trip will be as follows:

1. Expressions of interest are invited from Parents in respect to this announcement.
2. All checks and vetting will be undertaken by the school of those students whose parents have responded to the Expressions of Interest by the due date.
3. Subsequent to satisfactory checks by the school, a letter detailing the exact price, flight details, hotel details, payment dates and behaviour contract will be sent in response to successful Expressions of Interest. This price currently quotes is be based on **20** participating students.
4. Parents will then be invited to pay an initial deposit by a set date and will need to return the signed home/school/student behaviour contract.



5. All deposits are refundable should we not meet the required **minimum** number of 15 students and the trip does not go ahead. Interest of between 15 and 19 students will mean the trip will be re-costed and parents given the opportunity to withdraw their interest, deposits will be returned OR will be asked if they agreed the higher overall costing as a result of the lower number of students participating in this exchange.
6. Places will be allocated in the order in which payments are received by the school, subsequent to letters of invitation being issued.

We seek expressions of interest by **Wednesday 24 May 2023.**

Kind regards,

Duncan Malcolm

Teacher

Kevin Richardson

Senior Deputy Principal