Chers Parents

RE: EXPRESSION OF INTEREST IN PROPOSED TRIP TO NOUMÉA, NEW CALEDONIA, IN NOVEMBER 2010

Further to our highly successful French Study Tour to Nouméa in 2008, we would like to offer this educational opportunity again this year. The program would be open to children currently in Years 5 and 6 and it is envisaged that the 2010 tour would take place in November, from the 17 – 24, tentatively. The approximate costing, based on 15 students and two teacher escorts, would be $2,700- $3000. This includes economy air travel, airport transfers, 7 nights’ accommodation, continental breakfast daily, lunches and dinners, French lessons, a wide variety of educational tours and transfers, New Caledonia service and room tax, travel insurance, airport taxes and levies.

The **educational aims** of the program include:

- to give our students the experience of life in a French speaking culture and to foster their appreciation of it
- to develop our students’ understanding and speaking skills through personal contact and interaction with local people (e.g. shopping, guided tours, restaurant visits, etc)
- to develop our students’ abilities in reading and writing French (e.g. signs, menus, directions, special workbook and reports to be completed, diary keeping)
- to expose our students to the richness of Melanesian tradition and culture
- to give our students the challenge of organising themselves for and experiencing overseas travel

Australian students studying French are extremely fortunate to have the French colony of New Caledonia so close to our shores. Nouméa, the capital, is a four hour flight from Melbourne and provides an excellent opportunity for students to experience first-hand the French language, life and culture that they have been learning about and to experience French as a living language.

At this stage we are seeking to gauge levels of interest in this proposed trip and ask you to please complete and return the attached **Expression of Interest** form by **WEDNESDAY 10 MARCH**.

Madame Michelle Payne
French Coordinator

Meredith Carracher
Principal

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**EXP**RESS**ION OF INTEREST** - NOUMEA TRIP NOVEMBER 2010 - GRADES 5 & 6
PLEASE RETURN FORM TO SCHOOL BY WEDNESDAY 10 MARCH 2010

☐ Yes, we are interested in the trip to New Caledonia in November 2010

☐ No, we are unable to consider the trip

**STUDENT’S NAME:** ........................................................................................................... **GRADE**

**PARENT’S SIGNATURE:** ................................................................................................