

External Schools Program

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About our External School Program

The extracurricular French classes we run in schools are set apart by:

- The fun and stimulating learning environment we foster
- Our 120 years of experience and excellence in sharing the French language and culture with Sydneysiders
- Our prominence as a world-leader in French language learning, with 834 Alliance Française centres located in over 132 countries
- Our full French immersion experience, led by native French speaking teachers specialised in childhood education
- The continued support and comprehensive learning service we provide – from educational apps, term and holiday courses, official certifications and diplomas, to an onsite and online resource library and endless French cultural events
- The financial supports on offer with courses, such as the \$100 Creative Kids rebate for school-aged children, and sibling and yearly discounts
- The convenience of having French language specialists who come to you

Testimonials

Don't just take our word for it!

Principals, parents and students all over Sydney love our extracurricular classes:



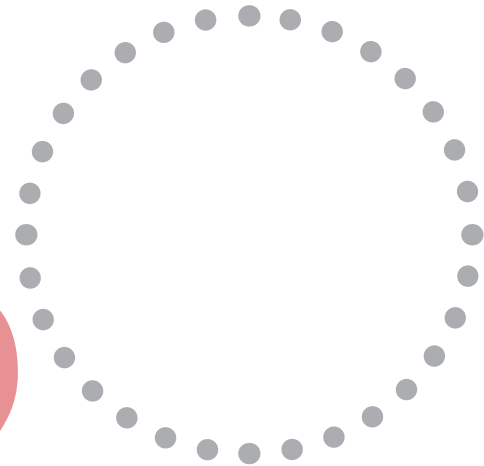
It's fantastic! The staff are friendly and enthusiastic, and supportive of all students.

I am very happy with the progress my daughter has made.

The students enjoy it! They give positive feedback, saying it was great, fun and they learned a lot.

We have loved the French lessons and will be proud to continue to support this program!

Excellent classes and Mimi loves them!



Just some of the schools we have partnered with include:

Glenmore Rd PS

Marrickville PS

Glebe PS

Bondi PS

Erskineville PS

Ferncourt PS

Woollahra PS

Annandale PS

Forest Lodge PS

Alexandria PS

Birchgrove PS

Benefits of Bilingualism

Establishing an extracurricular language program opens students to the seemingly endless benefits of bilingualism.

Language learning in schools is proven to boost overall literacy, which is a major predictor of children's attainment in maths and science. It has also been proven that the ability to switch between languages develops cognitive flexibility and improves multitasking and creativity.

Research in fact suggests that bilingual students have greater school achievement rates than monolingual children. Beyond academic success, bilinguals have notably more acute skills in perspective taking, perceiving and dealing with conflict cues, and ignoring irrelevant information.

A common worry is that learning another language may be too taxing or strenuous for a child. Rest assured, there is no cause for concern – our brains are programmed to learn and understand multiple languages! Research shows that young brains are not only able to cope with more than one language, but are actually the most receptive to language instruction.

But the benefits don't stop there. In adulthood, bilingualism opens doors to trade, business, diplomacy, the economy, travel and the people and cultures of the world. And in old age, the increased connectivity in certain areas of the brain created by bilingualism works to slow the onset of dementia and Alzheimer's.

All signs point towards the benefits of learning a language.

For more information on bilingualism, please visit our website.



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Details

Duration 1 hour per week throughout the school term

Location Your local primary school

Day and Time Before or after school to suit your timetable

Levels Beginner and Continuers level courses available

Classes Two streams; Kindy-Yr 1 | Yr 2-6

Instruction Our immersion pedagogy is to use French as much as possible in the classroom, using gestures and mimes to assist understanding.

Cost Approximately \$21/hour (includes all required materials and stationery) enrolments paid termly

Teaching Staff Qualified and experienced native French speakers. All teachers have current WWCC and many hold current First Aid training. Our recommended ratio for optimal interaction is 1:12.

Duty of Care We assume full Duty of Care during the classes.

Optional Extras Get Fluent app subscription, \$10/term (available for students in Yrs 2-6)

Available discounts*

- \$100 Creative Kids Rebate through Service NSW
- 10% yearly discount (when full year paid for upfront)
- 10% sibling discount (for second and subsequent siblings enrolled).

*Conditions apply



Sample Programme

LESSON 1:

Establishing classroom routines, including welcome song, personal introductions, talking about moods to make students feel welcome and comfortable.

LESSON 1 & 2:

Revision of colours and numbers while introducing shapes, reinforced and committed to memory through games.

LESSON 3:

In-depth study of traditional children's storybooks such as *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*. Extraction of key vocabulary related to the French family environment.

LESSON 4:

Adjectives used to describe physical appearance, taken from the in-depth book study. Craft activity to reinforce these adjectives.

LESSON 5:

Application of adjectival agreement to vocabulary of physical appearance to describe family members.

LESSON 6 & 7:

Introduction of vocabulary and linguistic structures around members of the family. Made more complex by incorporating numbers and structures for talking about ages.

LESSON 8-9:

Fathers' Day/Parent's Day craft. Students learn vocabulary for the material required to make a card as well as associated action verbs.



How to get started

Where to from here?

1. A suitable time slot will be negotiated by the school and the Alliance Française de Sydney
2. Public liability will be provided and Community User Agreement will be signed
3. WWCC, Appendix 11 + all documentation for the Alliance Française teaching staff will be completed and shared with the school
4. Enrolment and information flyers will be created by the Alliance Française and shared with parents via the school newsletter, website, etc.
5. Have fun learning French!

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