

# LILYDALE HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians

## 2016 FRENCH EXCHANGE – HOST FAMILY

Between the **31<sup>st</sup> January and 17<sup>th</sup> February 2016**, Lilydale High School will be hosting a group of 22 students visiting Australia as part of our sister school exchange program with Lycée Darchicourt in Hénin-Beaumont in the region of Nord-Pas-de-Calais in northern France. Expressions of interest are being sought from Lilydale High families who would be willing to host a student during their visit. This would involve providing meals and accommodation and activities for the student on the weekend.

The French students will arrive in Melbourne on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> January and will be brought to LHS by bus. Host families will then meet the students at LHS at approximately 8 pm (to be confirmed). Please note that this is the first weekend of the school term. They will also be taken to the airport by bus for their departure on Wednesday evening (time to be confirmed).

The group will consist of girls and boys who are in Years 10 to 12, as Darchicourt is a senior high school. If possible, we would like to match each student with a host of the same gender and similar age, although this is not essential. The visiting students will not require a room of their own, but can share with their host sister or brother, and should be treated to a normal Australian family experience while here. Host families will need to supply recess and lunch for their student when at school and for the days when they go on excursions. A complete itinerary will be provided to host families, which will show that the French students will have a mix of excursions together with days when they will be following their host student's school timetable. The school excursions include visits to places such as Healesville Sanctuary, the Shrine of Remembrance, ACMI, and Old Melbourne Gaol.

Any person over the age of 18 years, normally living in the house, will require a Working With Children permit. This is available free to volunteers and can be applied for online at the following address, <http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/home/applications/> and then lodged at a Post Office. You will need to take a passport sized photograph and proof of identity documents.

This is a wonderful opportunity for your son or daughter to get to know a student from another country and to learn something about their culture. If you are willing to host a student, please complete the form below and return to the school as soon as possible.

All applications will be acknowledged. Please contact Kristy Mays at the school on 9735 5644 if you require further information or do not receive an acknowledgement of your expression of interest.

We look forward to your participation.

Kristy Mays  
Tour Coordinators

Sharon Stoyanoff

# **2016 FRENCH SISTER SCHOOL EXCHANGE**

## **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST TO BE A HOST FAMILY**

FAMILY NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

POSTAL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT PHONE NO.: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

AGE: \_\_\_\_\_ FORM: \_\_\_\_\_

PETS (Some visiting students may have allergies.):

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### **WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK:**

- ☐ All adults over the age of 18 (excluding students) have a WWC Check and a copy will be provided to LHS
- ☐ I understand that all adults over the age of 18 (excluding students) will need to obtain a WWC Check and will then provide a copy to LHS
- ☐ I understand that the French students will be arriving at LHS on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> January.

I am willing to host a French student:    ☐ Girl    ☐ Boy    ☐ No Preference

PARENT SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_