



**FANS**

*Connecting People & Cultures*



**KILLARNEY  
HEIGHTS  
HIGH SCHOOL**

# After Year 6: Local options for French learning

KHPS | 13-03-2025

Presentation of the FANS and KHHS classes from Year 7



# AGENDA

- Introduction
- **FANS Extracurricular French Classes**
  - Students' Experience
- **KHHS French Courses**
  - Students' Experience
- Q&A session





# INTRODUCTION

- FANS-KHPS bilingual program ends after Year 6
- Important to know all options in the local area and make the right choice
- Overview of the offerings and students' experiences
- Presentation of distinct but complementary providers:
  - FANS after school classes
  - KHHS before school and curricular classes





# Continuing French through high school?

## **Congratulations on having chosen a bilingual education with FANS!**

- Acquired a variety of new skills
- Surrounded by diverse friends and classmates
- Invested many hours (and dollars) into a French bilingual education

## **Now what? What to do after KHPS?**

Continuing students' French language education is vital:

- Retaining and growing their knowledge
- Maintaining and Improving fluency
- Opening doors to opportunities for study, travel and work





# Muscle Memory & Language Learning

As physical exercises build muscle memory, consistent practice with a new language helps your brain develop "linguistic muscle memory".

You become more automatic and fluent in using the language, requiring less conscious effort.

## **"Use it or Lose it"**

If you stop practicing a language, your fluency can diminish over time.

## **Regular Practice is Key**

You need to regularly practice a language to maintain fluency.

## **Variety in Practice**

Language learning should include various activities to engage and challenge different skills.

## **Muscle Memory and Fluency**

As you repeatedly use a language, your brain forms stronger connections, making it easier to recall vocabulary, grammar rules, and even common phrases without consciously thinking about them.





# Open doors with French

- **Boost Academic & Career Opportunities**
  - French is an official language in 29 countries and widely used in international careers
  - Enhances cognitive skills, problem-solving, and global awareness
- **Stand Out in University Applications**
  - French proficiency (DELF A2, B1, B2) is highly valued in fields like law, diplomacy, and business
  - Duke of Ed skills points (foreign languages) for ATAR adjustments
  - Opens doors to international exchanges, work experiences, and travel
- **Engage with the World Differently**
  - Understand history, global affairs, and culture through a French perspective
  - Access films, literature, and scientific research in the original language
  - Make friends and connections with French speakers around the world





# FANS CLASSES

- Where** Forestville Community Arts Centre (Library building)
- When** After school | 2-hour classes, take place between 4:00 - 6:30pm
- Who** FANS Teachers of French | DELF teacher certifications
- What** **History Workshop & L'Esprit Critique**  
From Year 7  
French Background speakers
- DELF Jr preparation classes: A2, B1, B2**  
From Year 7  
French Background speakers & Prior Learners





# FANS History

## What

2-year course on French history from 1780s to 1960s:

- French Revolution to Colonisation
- 1<sup>st</sup> World War to Decolonisation

## How

- Reading articles, viewing videos and note taking
- Conversation based
- Short evaluation end of term

## Why

Get to know the European history from the French perspective, for students who have been mainly exposed to Australian history.



# FANS L'Esprit Critique

## What

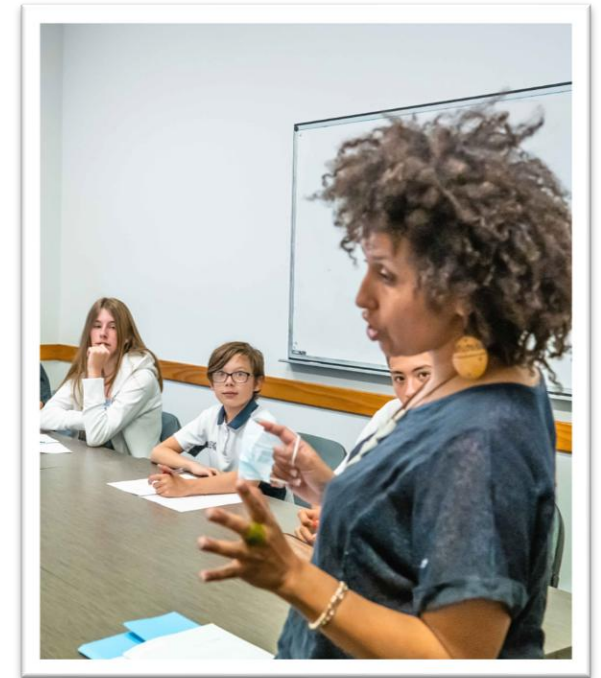
The 5<sup>th</sup> French Republic, Presidential elections, origins of the European Union, the place of France in the current Francophone world, the current migration crisis in Europe, past and current world conflicts.

## How

- ❑ Conversation based
- ❑ Reading articles, viewing films and documentaries

## Why

Develop students' critical thinking skills by discussing the world we live in.



# FANS – Students' experience

## Thomas M.

- Former Francophone stream student at KHPS
- Currently in Year 9 at KHHS
  
- History Workshop for 2 years
- Currently in Esprit Critique

## Timon D.

- Former Francophone stream student at KHPS
- Currently in Year 9
  
- History Workshop for 2 years
- Currently in Esprit Critique



# FANS DELF CLASSES

Diplôme d'Etudes  
en Langue Française

## Why DELF

Internationally recognised certificate of French language level.

Valid for life.

Opportunities to study in French-speaking universities overseas.

## What

3 classes for different levels:

- A2 to B1 for Prior Learners
- B1 for French Background Speakers
- B2 for French Background Speakers

## How

- ❑ Oral and Written Comprehension & Expression
- ❑ Tests ability to use French in real-life situations



Students will develop listening, writing and speaking skills.



# FANS – Students' experience

## Maya D.

- Former anglophone student at KHPS
- Currently in Year 11 at Mercy Catholic College Chatswood
  
- DELF Jr B1 passed
- Currently preparing for the DELF Jr B2

## Georgia F.

- Former anglophone student at KHPS
- Currently in Year 11 at Freshwater Senior Campus
  
- DELF Jr B1 presenting in June 2025
- Currently preparing in DELF Jr B2





# FANS CLASSES - SUMMARY

## History

Mme Bacchi - Monday – 4:00 - 6:00pm

## L'Esprit Critique

Mme Bacchi - Tuesday – 4:00 - 6:00pm

## DELFL Junior Classes

A2 / B1      Mme Giral (Anglophones) - Monday 4:00 – 6:00pm

B1            Mme Delepouille (Francophones) - Wednesday 4:30 – 6:30pm

B2            Ms Carouge (Francophones) Tuesday or Wednesday 4:30 – 6:30pm



# KHHS - FRENCH FOR PRIOR LEARNERS - Year 7

For Anglophone students from KHPS  
and any student with at least 3 years of French learning

Sonia Robins, Teacher

Tuesday & Thursday before school - 7.50 - 8.50am

French as a Foreign Language following NSW curriculum  
Evaluated against NSW syllabus

# KHHS - FRENCH FOR PRIOR LEARNERS - Year 7

Grammar and spelling through text, research, drama, film study  
Building vocabulary and language structures

Start building skills for HSC: critical thinking, text analysis,  
answer in English

-  Leads on to Year 8 French for Prior Learners, 9/10 French, HSC





**KHHS**

# **FRENCH FOR BACKGROUND LEARNERS - Year 7**

Mainly for Francophone students from KHPS

Noella Charbonneau, Teacher

Thursday & Friday before school - 7.50-8.50am

All French program to extend conversational reading and writing skills

Evaluated against NSW Learning Outcomes of French syllabus  
Results in student reports



# KHHS

## FRENCH FOR BACKGROUND LEARNERS - Year 7

Focus on the mythology, media and current news.

**Project-based learning** - teaching method in which students learn by actively engaging in real-world and personally meaningful projects.

- ❑ Leads on to Y8, Y9, Y10 French for Background Speakers course, HSC



# KHHS FRENCH FOR BACKGROUND LEARNERS - Year 7

Some recent projects



Le [Seine-Eau virus](#) (2024)





# KHHS – Tahiti Sister School Exchange

- KHHS sister school relationship with Collège La Mennais, Tahiti
- First tour for Y9/10 in October 2024
- CLM return visit April 2025
- We intend to run the tour every two years



[Tahiti Tour Video](#)





# KHHS – STUDENTS' EXPERIENCE



# FANS SURVEY

Thank you for attending the info night!

**Please spare 5 minutes to answer this quick survey on  
After Year 6 French options.**





# FANS / KHHS – Q&A

**Thank you for attending the info night!**

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# Thank you!

