Friday 15 February 2013

Dear Parents

**Re: New Caledonia Study Tour – 2013**

I am writing to inform you of a French Study Tour to New Caledonia that I am organising for the students studying French in Year 11 and Year 12.

The Study Tour is 8 days long, starting on Friday 28 June, which is the last day of Term 2, and concludes on Friday 5 July 2013.

This 2013 French Study Tour will enable our students to put the language they are studying into a native language context. They will use their language skills communicating in their home-stay setting, ordering meals, shopping, reading signs, following directions and reading maps – the tour is designed to immerse students in the French language and culture. In addition the students will receive 12 hours of language teaching at the Language School CREIPAC (Centre de Rencontres et d’Exchanges Internationaux du Pacifique) in Noumea.

The tour organiser is Mr Paul Chambers, Senior French Teacher at Green Point Christian College. The tour will be also be accompanied by a female member of staff.

During the tour there will be some times when students will be allowed to browse certain precincts out of direct sight of the teacher in groups of three. However, this will be for specified periods of time, and the location and proximity of the teacher will be made clear to the students in each instance. Both teachers will be carrying mobile phones at all times.

A comprehensive risk assessment for the tour will be made available to participating students’ families.

The organising travel agent for the tour is GET Educational Tours. The cost quoted by GET is $1885 (supposing 24 students are to attend). Please note that this price is a guideline only and is likely to either rise or fall slightly depending on the final number of students and as the foreign exchange rate fluctuates.

The cost includes:

**Tour Cost Includes:**

- Return economy airfare with Aircalin ex Sydney
- **Prepaid airport/airline taxes and levies $300.00 per person**
- Return airport transfers in Noumea
- 2 x nights accommodation at Hotel Le Pacifique for students
- 5 x nights homestay accommodation for students in pairs
• Buffet breakfast daily whilst at the hotel
• 1 set menu dinner on last evening at the hotel
• City Sights Tour on the Chu Chu Train
• Amédée Lighthouse Cruise including lunch
• 4 x 3 hour French Language lessons at C.R.E.I.P.A.C. (includes return transfers)
• Parc Forestier excursion (entry fee, coach transfers, picnic lunch)
• 2 hour guided tour of the Tjibaou Cultural Centre including transfers
• 5% New Caledonia service tax
• Room tax

Students will need to bring an additional $300 - $400 for some lunches and dinners, shopping and souvenirs.

In an effort to keep the overall costs down the tour will be accompanied by a Teacher from Tuggerah Lakes Secondary College and several of their students.

Travel Insurance has been organised by GPCC and is included in your ordinary school fees. Documentation of the policy will be provided at a later date. A non-refundable deposit of $300 will be required by Friday February 22 2013.

The remainder of the cost shall be paid in instalments during 2013.

An Information night will be held for participating students and their families in due course. Parents will be contacted by email and mail when important information regarding the tour becomes available.

If you have any questions or queries regarding the 2013 French Study Tour, please do not hesitate to contact the tour organiser Paul Chambers during school hours on 4363 1266 or by email pchambers@gpcc.nsw.edu.au

Yours sincerely

Mr Paul M Chambers
IT Integrator & Languages Department
Please return to the College Office (Mr Chambers) by Friday 22 February 2013.

Green Point Christian College 2013 French Study Tour to New Caledonia

Permission Slip

I give permission for my child _______________________________ to attend the Green Point Christian College 2013 French Study Tour from Friday 28 June to Friday 5 July 2013.

Please enclose a cheque for the non-refundable deposit of $300. (Please make out cheques to GPCC). Alternatively, please call the school to arrange credit card payment.

PLEASE PRINT ALL DETAILS

Printed Name: _______________________________ ______________________

Signature: _______________________________ ______________________

Date: _______________________________ ______________________

Telephone: _______________________________ ______________________

Email: _______________________________ ______________________

Deposit Payment Method: Cheque Credit Card (please circle)

You will receive detailed medical forms, permission notes for some individual activities, and a behaviour contract at various stages before the excursion.

Any amounts paid to the College will become non-refundable after their due date.

It is important that parents understand and accept that, even if the excursion costs were paid in full, a student will not be allowed to join the group on the excursion if the family’s school fee account were in arrears.

Please note that the normal terms and conditions for participation in local and national excursions within Australia also apply to this excursion.

Please do not hesitate to contact the College’s Business Manager, Mrs Margaret Johnston, if you have any questions regarding the above.