

Trinity College Senior French

SACE Level 1

There are 5 lessons per week.

1. **Course Work** - Topics include youth issues, family, a French film, multicultural France and the environment. Activities include reading texts in French, comprehension questions, listening tasks, writing tasks, oral tasks, simple discussions in French, video clips, films and music.
2. **Assessment** is composed of:
 - Oral Task (20%)
 - Written Task (20%)
 - Text Analysis (20%)
 - Investigative Task (40%)
3. **Investigative Task** - The topics are a Francophone city in Semester 1 and a prominent French-speaking person in Semester 2. Students research the topic and present an oral using PowerPoint or Photo Story 3 and a written text of 250 words in English.
4. **Grammar** is an integral part of the course.

Assignments are submitted first as drafts and then a final copy is produced. One week is allowed for each stage.

Homework is necessary for personal practice and for the completion of assignments.

Assessment Criteria for written tasks include language, content and structure.

For oral tasks the criteria are content, accuracy, fluency and pronunciation.

Excursions are organised to the cinema especially during the French Film Festival in Term 1 or a French pâtisserie. Opportunities for experiencing the French language are offered.

The **French Trip** is an option for those who may wish to experience French culture and improve their language skills. The trip includes Paris and Mâcon where our sister school hosts us. There is an opportunity to participate every two years. The next trip is in April 2009. There are also opportunities to host a French student, especially in 2010.

Texts include a French dictionary (Year 10), a grammar book and the course Tapis Volant Senior (\$60).

It is anticipated that students try and speak French as much as possible and that lessons are often conducted in French. Explanations will always be given in English if necessary. **Our goal is to become as fluent as possible in the French language**, so students are encouraged to give it a go!

