

Trinity College Senior French

SACE Level 2

There are 5 lessons per week, including 1 lesson per week for conversation.

Assessment is composed of:

Course Work - 35%	
In-depth Study - 15%	
Oral Exam - 15%	
Written Exam - 35%:	Listening and Responding - 10%
	Reading and Responding - 15%
	Writing in French - 10%

The **Course** includes the following components:

1. **Course Work** - Oral Task
Written Task
Written Text Analysis (reading comprehension)
Written Task (creative writing)
Text Analysis (aural comprehension)

Topics include: tourism, jobs, literature, the environment, family and friends.

2. **In-depth Study** - There is a choice of many topics: French celebrations, Racism in France, French cuisine, French music, Tintin /Astérix, a French-speaking country, Fashion, etc.
There are three tasks - a written piece of 600 words in English.
a written piece of 600 words in French.
an oral presentation in French (3-5 minutes)
3. **Oral Work** - Conversation about family, friends, home, interests, school, aspirations, France, travel, pocket money, driving, daily routine and a current affair which one finds interesting.

4. **Grammar** - one lesson per week.

5. **Examination Practice** - reading, aural comprehensions, writing and speaking.

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 include language, content and structure.

Excursions are organised to the cinema, the annual St. Peters play, a French restaurant 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 (from SACE 1) and the course Tapis Volant Senior (from SACE 1).

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!

