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French Secondary School of Melbourne

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Words from the President

BY JACQUELINE WON-FAT

Dear families,

This end of the year is an opportunity to recognise the efforts made by families and teachers, and congratulate our students not only for their resilience but also for their creativity, which you will discover by reading the words of our teachers.

Also I'd like inform you that I will handover the presidency to Nabiha Foret as I am leaving the association at the end of December with great regrets. I wanted to thank profoundly the committee for the fantastic work done this year and invite our members to keep note of the first ESFM's key dates for 2021.

Remember that ESFM needs you! To help us, you can join the committee, share your dynamism and know-how, make a donation or take advantage of original Christmas gift ideas at preferential rates from our partners who contribute to ESFM fundraising.

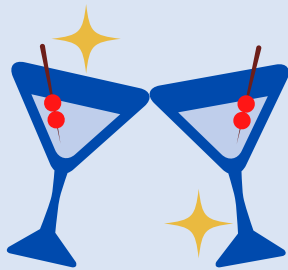
We wish you a wonderful festive season
well-deserved summer break to
charge your batteries before the start
of the new school year!

EVENTS CALENDAR FOR 2021

Just for you!

FRI 19 FEB

**WELCOMING
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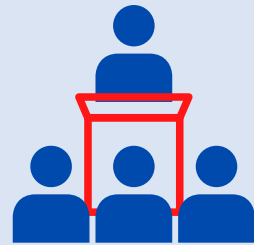
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**FUTURE Y7
INFORMATION
SESSION**



THU 20 MAY

**GENERAL
ASSEMBLY
MEETING**



FRI 18 JUN

**CINEMA
NIGHT**



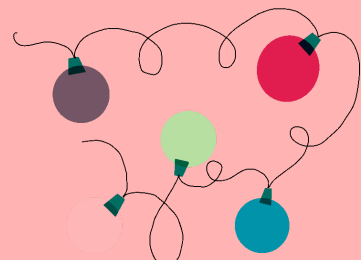
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**INFO SESSION
Y7 2022**



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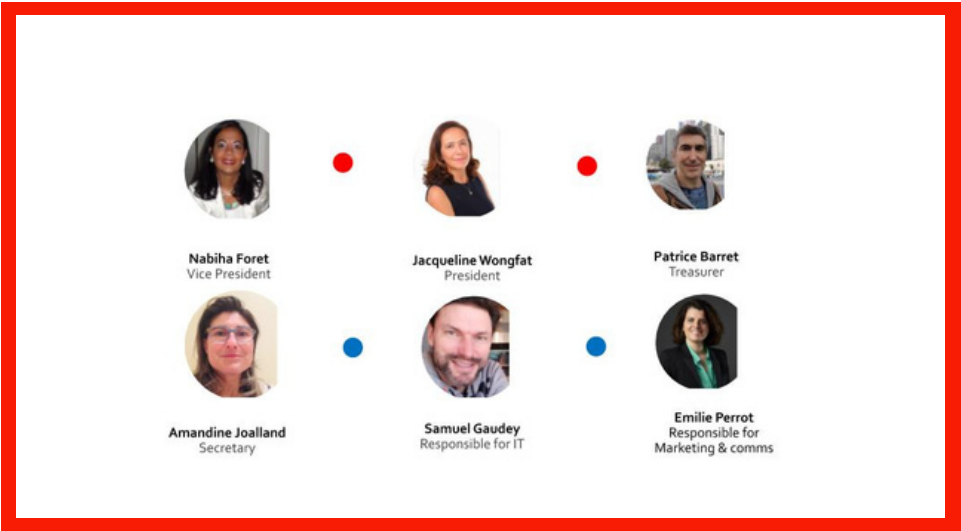
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The Committee

Nabiha Foret

FUTURE PRESIDENT OF ESFM



It is a great pleasure that I succeed Jacqueline as President of ESFM. I would like to thank her for all the work she has done in the last months.
That's also an amazing honour and privilege for me to take this role. I would, therefore like to take this opportunity to introduce myself.

My name is Nabiha Foret, I arrived in Australia in September 2019 as part of a professional and family project.
I am the mother of 2 girls aged 11 and 13 years old who attended a private school in France. I was looking for a school education program in Melbourne that would be the most adapted to my children's needs, and it was quite natural that my choice was the CNED program at Glen Eira College.

I joined the ESFM committee very early to bring my experience in community engagement. During my time in France, I had the opportunity to work at the city councillor of a big city. I was involved in specific fields, such as education and sports. At the same time, I was also involved in the associative life as Vice-President of an association called "4M Massy" whose mission is to animate and bring life to the town.
My political and relational experiences developed with mayors and senators are important assets that I hope to be able to use to the benefit of the ESFM.
I would like to highlight an element that seemed essential to me and that convinced me to believe in this bicultural project: my meeting with the ESFM teachers; I discovered a stable and very professional team, committed and invested in their work as teachers.
Today I am certain that my daughters, just like your children, are in the best conditions to prepare their professional future.
To conclude, I also invite you to become an active player by joining the dynamic members of our committee and contribute to the development of projects and by sharing your ideas and opinions.

I wish you all a happy holiday season and hope to meet you at the beginning of 2021.

Nabiha

Messages from our teachers

Nathalie Lepetit

TEACHING COORDINATOR

First of all, I want to highlight the considerable adjustments and rigorous efforts of the students supported by their families. From the start of the return to class, I could see that the students had habits they had acquired during the period of online work and the transition went really well.

We were able to keep the momentum and focus and meet the deadlines to finish the program despite the lockdown period.

The Y7 asked for more assistance, more attention and I responded with great empathy to those requests. The Y9s are more consistent in their learning, this is where we see the students progressing towards more autonomy.

The year ends with the traditional snack for all the mathematics students gathered, except the Y10s who did so in advance due to the transition period, a convivial moment particularly awaited this year.

Every student has managed to stay the course this year, Kudos to all!

This year especially the holiday period will have the flavour of freedom, so take advantage of this regained time.

Enjoy your holidays!

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Loveena Narayanan

FRENCH AND HUMANITIES TEACHER

Congratulations to the students for completing the program during this difficult year! The students showed determination and motivation online and in college!

We played scenes from Molière's "Fourberies de Scapin" at the start of the year and those from Corneille's "Le Cid" at the end of the year! The students also took part in the poetry writing competition organized by Alliance Française and in the writing of a collection of poetry organized by the vice rectoral of New Caledonia as part of the celebration of La Francophonie around the theme "Dis Me Say Words in the Water.»

Welcome to Celine
Fompudie to the
CNED teaching
team of Glen Eira
College



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Si les poètes étaient moins bêtes

TEXTE DE: LEO SCHALL

Si les poètes étaient moins bêtes
Au lieu d'écrire des poèmes,
Ils auraient appris la physique
Et des formules mathématiques
Plutôt que de raconter leurs problèmes
En écrivant deux ou trois rimes.

Si les poètes étaient moins bêtes
Ils pourraient sans doute faire,
Une grande carrière politique
Rencontrer des hommes d'affaires
Tout cela serait bien pratique.

Mais au lieu de faire des discours
Les poètes préfèrent parler l'amour,
La nature et la musique,
Plutôt que les mathématiques.

Les poètes ne sont pas bêtes,
Ils veulent juste prendre le temps
De rendre le monde plus joli
En écrivant deux ou trois rimes.

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ESFM needs your support

Dear Advertisers and Donors,

The French Secondary School of Melbourne would like to invite you to join its fundraising list to support the association's activities.

ESFM is a not-for-profit association founded in August 2006 by voluntary parents to develop French secondary education for French and fluent French-speaking students.

In partnership with Glen Eira College, our students follow the Australian curriculum as well as the CNED program from 5eme (Year 7) to 2nde (Year 10) which covers the fundamental subjects of French, History Geography and Mathematics in conformity with the French Ministry of Education.

Starting 15 years ago with less than 10 students, our association is on the rise with about 40 students today and Year 7 students enrolments doubling in 2021. ESFM is fast growing with increased recognition of its name in Melbourne's French education landscape. In response to the growing demand, the amount of work required to maintain a high-quality program can no longer be managed solely by voluntary parents and has led to the creation of a remunerated program coordination position.

Today, our priorities focus on the association's expansion and fundraising, which will enable all families to join the program at reasonable fees and organise cultural and community events to contribute to the French influence abroad.

Thanks to your support, we hope to improve the quality of our mission further, strengthen the French-Australian culture and sustain our program's educational success.

We would be very pleased to have you as a partner in our projects and share with you the coming opportunities and successes that we will be able to achieve in the life of our students.

Hoping that our request provides you with an enjoyable experience to satisfy your aspiration and natural taste for French culture in Melbourne, we profoundly thank you in advance for your valuable generosity.

Yours Sincerely,

Jacqueline Wong-Fat and Nabiha Foret.

