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Dear all,

I am writing to you regarding school exchanges between French and Australian schools.

Nearly 130 French schools (preschools, primary, and secondary schools) have expressed their interest to be listed in the **France–Australia School database** which enables Australian schools to find partners to develop exchange programs with public or private schools in **Metropolitan France** (French Alps, Pays de la Loire, Languedoc-Roussillon, French Riviera, Poitou-Charente, Orleans-Tour, Alsace, Normandy, Versailles area, Paris region, Auvergne), **French territories of the Pacific** (New Caledonia and French Polynesia) and of the **Indian Ocean** (Reunion Island).

In order to make it easier to connect with Australian schools and to help them find the right match and make the international partnerships successful ones, each French school has indicated in the Database their propositions for various collaborative projects, the preferred language for the partnership, the target audience (year level concerned by the project, the number of students potentially involved), the possible activities, and the designated teacher in charge of the sister school partnerships, and the school's contact details.

This partner finding tool is kept up to date by the Embassy of France in Australia and by French regional education authorities (*Académies*) which are in charge of relations with their local schools and the schools abroad.

This database is **available on demand for free for public and private schools and Australian education organisations** (government departments, associations of independent schools and association of catholic schools only).

**Would you be so kind as to pass this information on to the schools you are in contact with?**

Please do not hesitate to contact me for any further information you may require.

Kind regards,

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