

Live French with **AFX Student Exchange**

*Sister School
Arrangements*

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About



25 years of experience

AFX Student Exchange is a family-run, non-profit organisation with over twenty years of experience creating exchange programs exclusively between France and Australia. Our Franco-Australian expertise allows us to craft authentic, immersive experiences for students.

Accredited by the Victorian government and a member of the **Council of Australian Student Exchange Organisations**, AFX is a trusted partner for Australian schools.

We are also proud supporters of poetry competitions organised by the Alliance Française de Melbourne and Perth, reflecting our commitment to the promotion of French language and culture in Australia.

"When organizing a stay, there's no room for error: we take care of teenagers at a pivotal moment in their lives.

Our mission is to offer them more than just a trip: an experience that will stay with them forever."

Vinciane THOMAS
Directrice



Why AFX ?

A Clear and Safe Framework for Your School

A Sister School partnership brings together an Australian school and a French school around student immersion stays. Your school keeps full control of the partnership: you choose your partner school in France, manage the educational relationship and pair the students.

AFX takes care of everything that ensures your students' safety: host family checks, compliance, wellbeing monitoring and 24/7 emergency support throughout their stay in France.



Deep Franco-Australian Expertise



With 25 years of experience and more than 6,000 students supported, AFX specialises exclusively in exchanges between France and Australia. Our team includes both French and Australian members, who have lived in both countries. This gives us a unique understanding of both school systems and cultures, and allows us to work smoothly with your partner school to support your students during their stay in France.

Strong Accreditations and Ethical Commitment

Registered with the Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority (VRQA) and with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC), AFX is a not-for-profit organisation committed to the highest standards of quality and safety. Our Child Safety and Wellbeing Policy follows the Child Safe Standards, and our team holds public liability and professional indemnity insurance. AFX is also a member of CASEO and a partner of the Alliance Française in Melbourne, Perth and Brisbane.



Alliance Française
Brisbane - Australie

Sister School Arrangements

This program is for YOU if...

- **You already have a partner school in France, or a contact you would like to build a partnership with.**
- You want your students to experience French language and culture through an immersion stay with host families.
- You wish to build a long-term relationship with your sister school, fostering friendships between staff and students.
- You need a trusted partner to take care of safety, compliance and student wellbeing.

Create a French immersion experience for your students!

Important to know

- **Host families:** found by your partner school and checked by AFX (criminal record checks, plus home visits with the Serenity Package)
- **Student pairing:** managed by the two schools
- **Host in return?** Arranged between the two schools.
- **Flights and insurance:** not included, available as optional add-ons
- **Price:** from \$1,000 AUD per student, see our packages page



How it works

Tell us about your project - the earlier the better

Fill in our questionnaire so we understand your goals, dates and group size.

Let's talk

We have a call to discuss your project and answer your questions.

Introduce us to your partner school: we get in touch with the French school to coordinate your students' stay and explain how we work.

Receive your proposal

We send you a tailored proposal based on the package that suits your school.

Sign and get started

Once the agreement is signed and the deposit paid, we set up the family portal.

Prepare the families

Families register online, and we host an information webinar for parents and students.

Host family checks We check the French host families (criminal record checks, and home visits with the Serenity Package).

Bon voyage!

During the stay, we follow up with students and families, and our 24/7 emergency line is always available.

Review together

After the trip, we review the experience with your school to plan the next exchange.

Our packages

⚠ Please note: finding a partner school in France and pairing students are not included in our packages.

ESSENTIAL PACKAGE Contact us for a quote

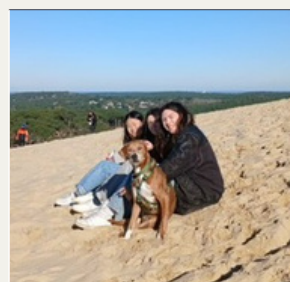
An official safety framework, without home visits.

- ✓ Online family registration portal
- ✓ Information and safety webinar for parents and students
- ✓ Criminal record checks of all adults (18+) in the French host families
- ✓ Wellbeing check-ins every two weeks and monthly follow-up calls
- ✓ 24/7 bilingual emergency line
- ✓ Support for parents and teachers throughout the preparation

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Everything in the Essential Package, plus:

- ✓ Home visits of the French host families by our local representatives in France
- ✓ Assessment of living conditions and family environment



OPTIONAL ADD-ONS (custom quote)

- **Group flights:** booked through our partner travel agency
- **Travel and medical insurance:** if not already covered by your school
- **Cultural tours and excursions:** from the Normandy beaches to the Alps, tailored to your students' interests
- **Chaperone costs:** flights, accommodation and excursions can be included and spread across the student price.



Our Team



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It takes a big team to keep AFX Student Exchange running — both in France and Australia — but here are some of the people you might meet on your journey.



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