



## Dovetail Exchange Programme

### College La Source, Paris, France

August 2016

Dear Parents/Guardian

We are delighted to confirm the ongoing exchange partnership between Kristin School and **College La Source** in Paris, France. We are now in a position to invite your child to apply as a French language student to take part in the exchange where they will be required to host their partner student for four weeks at the beginning of Term 1, 2017 (Year 10). Kristin students then travel to College La Source for approximately the same amount of time in the following September which includes the October study break.

It is expected that all applicants be genuinely interested in French culture and are keen to improve their language skills. As this is essentially an in-school programme as opposed to a tour, the students should be prepared to participate positively in the scheduled classes and activities. They should also demonstrate an appreciation of cultural differences, be prepared to follow their host family routines and expectations, and generally interact positively with their new family and school contacts. Participants are also expected to continue their study of French language into Year 11.

The families hosting the incoming French students should be fluent speakers of English. They should also be willing to include their guest in their family routines, encourage involvement in sporting, cultural and social activities, and provide transport to activities where necessary. In addition to sightseeing within the Auckland region, a weekend trip away is encouraged. Parents may like to join forces with other host families when making these arrangements. *There is the possibility that our Camp week is included in this period of hosting but the host family is not expected to pay their guest's camp costs, as these will be subsidised by Kristin School.*

The conditions of the exchange are as follows:

#### Duration

- **La Source students:** Four weeks around early February – March 2017
- **Kristin students:** Four weeks in September / October 2017 to College La Source, Paris

Exact dates for hosting are currently under discussion and will be confirmed as soon as possible

**Please be aware that all dates are currently subject to confirmation with our partner school**

#### Accommodation

- Students to be accommodated in the homes of their respective partner students.
- Three meals a day and laundry are to be provided.
- The host family will meet the visiting students at Auckland airport on arrival.
- The host family will be police vetted, and subsequently visited by the school's Homestay Coordinator in accordance with the Code of Practice for the Pastoral Care of International Students.

## Expenses

- **Return airfare:** The 2017 fare is expected to be around \$3,000. All Kristin students are required to travel together on the same flight. Travel arrangements will be coordinated by Mrs Cindy Tong, International Services Coordinator.
- **Insurance:** Students must travel with medical and possessions coverage. This will also be arranged by Mrs Tong. Current estimate \$120.
- **Pocket money:** A source of money for social activities, souvenirs, transportation outside of school hours etc. should be arranged by parents, e.g. a suitable credit card. Our French contact recommends NZ\$100 equivalent per week.
- **Phone calls:** Generally the French families supply their guests with a mobile phone for domestic use. Students should arrange for a phone card, or mobile phone with roaming facility for text messaging externally. Students may also buy a pre-pay phone on arrival.
- **Tuition fees:** There is no exchange of money between schools for tuition fees. Parents continue to pay their home school fees and applicable costs.
- **Daily costs of travel:** To and from school, lunch, etc. would be covered by the host family or host school (a complimentary bus pass is given to visiting students while at Kristin).
- **Costs of excursions** are covered by the host family within reason.
- **French camp:** there is a possibility that the stay in France will include 4 days at camp. The cost is approximately \$200 and includes water sports. A valid swimming certificate for the distance of 50m is required.

## Additional conditions

- **Uniform:** Students who attend French schools do not typically wear uniform. Kristin students are therefore not required to wear the Kristin uniform during flights, or while attending La Source, but are recommended to include suitable sports gear in their winter clothing provisions. A gear list will be provided at pre-departure meetings.
- **Class participation and language instruction:** The French students will receive ESOL support if desired. After an initial observation period of attending classes with their Kristin hosts, the timetable will be amended for each student according to interest. Class attendance will be tracked. College La Source equally provides French language instruction for our students and allows entry to most classes of their choice.
- **Expectations – In France:** As a representative of Kristin, it is expected that the student will be a worthy ambassador. He or she would be expected to be fully involved in both the academic and the co-curricular programmes. Full participation in the daily routine established by the host family would also be expected. They must also undertake to support the other Kristin participants. A Code of Conduct form will be issued to both participants to be signed before departure. Students are also expected to write a weekly blog for the ekristin community and send these to International Student Manager, Ms Helen Kim, hkim@kristin.school.nz. Regular email updates to the Exchange Coordinator are also welcomed.
- **Expectations – At Kristin:** On return, students will be expected to assist in advertising the programme in assemblies and attend parent information sessions for subsequent selections. Articles and photographs will be requested for entry in the Kaleidoscope magazine and/or the Yearbook. While their partner student is attending Kristin, the Kristin student must take general care of their guest, assisted by the French Exchange Coordinator, Mrs Nicola Hackett.
- **Visa regulations:** New Zealand and European passport holders are eligible for the visa exemption scheme. The partner school students who wish to enter New Zealand under this exchange scheme must apply for student visas offshore.
- **Insurance:** Students must travel with medical and health coverage. This will be arranged at the time of flight bookings. The visiting student will also travel with insurance but will be covered under Kristin's liability plan for all Kristin students and/or exchange students.

- **Travel procedures – Kristin students:** As previously noted, students are required to travel to France together and remain together at all times while in transit. They must not leave the airport should there be a stopover that does not require an overnight stay. These expectations are not only for security reasons, but also to facilitate the partner school's airport pick-up arrangements. The host families will meet the students at the airport on arrival.
- **Travel procedures – French students:** Are also expected to travel to New Zealand as a group and are met at Auckland airport by their host families and a representative from Kristin International Services.

### Selection process

- If you and your child wish to take up this opportunity, please sign the attached Expression of Interest slip and return with the completed questionnaire directly to your French language teacher by 19 August 2016 (end of Week 4 Term 3).
- After all the applications have been examined, students will be invited to an interview in Term 3, with the Middle School Principal, Mr Dave Scott, and Director of International Services, Mrs Jenny Taylor. Other key staff such as the Head of Languages Faculty, Middle School Deans, counsellors and class teachers will also be consulted.
- The participating students will be informed of their selection within one week of being interviewed.

An information meeting will be held for parents and students late Term 4. However, if you have any queries in the interim please contact the following staff:

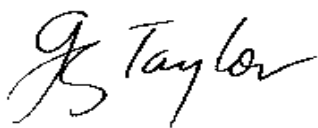
French Exchange Coordinator, Mrs Nicola Hackett, for general information by email  
nhackett@kristin.school.nz

International Services Coordinator, Mrs Cindy Tong, for travel and insurance information Ext: 2837 or  
by email ctong@kristin.school.nz

For the school profile, please refer to the Kristin website under International and click on Dovetail Exchanges: <http://www.kristin.school.nz/life-at-kristin/international/experiences/dovetail/la-source>

We look forward to receiving your son or daughter's application.

Yours sincerely



Jenny Taylor  
Director of International Services, Kristin School

**Kristin International Exchange Programme**

**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST IN EXCHANGE WITH COLLEGE LA SOURCE, FRANCE**

(Please return this form to your French Language Teacher by Friday 19 August)

**Name of student:** \_\_\_\_\_

We have read and understood the conditions and are interested in our child applying for the exchange opportunity to attend College La Source in Paris for four weeks in September/October of next year.

We understand we are expected to host a student from College La Source for up to four weeks at the beginning of Term 1 and that the arrival and departure dates will be confirmed by the end of Term 4, 2016.

- We are prepared to host either a boy or a girl
- We are prepared to host only a boy
- We are prepared to host only a girl

Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_