

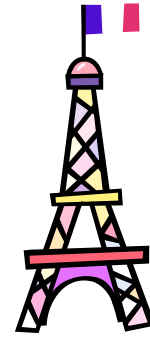


MANSFIELD STATE HIGH SCHOOL

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French Immersion Program



What is the French Immersion Program?

- The program runs from Years 8 to 10.
- Students study Maths, Science, SOSE and French in the French language.
- The classes, workbooks, homework and exams are in French.

Why is the French Immersion Program beneficial?

- Students are presented with a challenging and stimulating program.
- Students really learn the language well because half of their classes are in French.
- By the end of Year 10, they are able to communicate with native French speakers.
- Their learning skills are developed as they must continually problem-solve, make deductions and draw conclusions throughout the program.
- Their listening skills are developed.
- Learning another language helps them to improve their understanding of the English language.
- Immersion students undergo a selection process in order to enter the program..

What if my child has never done French before?

- The majority of our students have never done French before when they enter the program.
- In the first 5 weeks of Year 8, students undertake an intensive language course in which they learn the French they need to cope in the classroom and understand the teacher's instructions.

Who teaches in the French Immersion Program?

- The four Immersion subjects are taught by a team of five specialist teachers.
- The teachers are all bi-lingual.

How much does it cost to do the program?

- Mansfield High is a state school so there are no tuition fees.
- All students pay subject levies which cover the costs of materials supplied to them and in 2010 the four French Immersion subject levies cost \$270.00.

What other benefits are there as a Mansfield student?

- Students can study Japanese from Year 9 onwards as well as French.
- In Years 11 and 12, immersion students can choose to study French at an advanced level.
- Exchanges to New Caledonia, France, Switzerland and Tahiti are offered so students can experience a French family and school and use their French in every day communication.
- Mansfield High is an academic school and the standards of discipline are high.
- There is a wide range of subjects, courses and extra-curricular activities on offer.
- The music program is one of the best in Queensland with up to 16 different orchestras, ensembles and choirs.
- Information technology is an integral part of the curriculum with more than 500 fully networked computers.
- Sporting participation is encouraged with up to 75 sporting teams competing at interschool level.

How can I register my child for this program?

- Complete the *Expression of Interest Form* and forward it to the school.
- Your child is then on our contact list and all relevant material for the selection process is mailed to you.
- Attend the **French Immersion Information Evening:**
Tuesday, 19th May 2009 at 7.30pm in the Resource Centre
Mansfield High, corner Broadwater Road and Ham Roads
(Enter by the Ham Road car park; walk along beside the Assembly Hall, pass F-Block facing the parade ground, go ahead along pathway and enter Library on left.)

Can I contact someone beforehand?

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