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The latest technology is incorporated into all aspects of the teaching curriculum where possible. Here, students learn how to use one of the school's four 3D printers.

CONDORCET
The International French School of Sydney



WELCOME BIENVENUE

Welcome to Lycée Condorcet Sydney – International French School

We offer students from all over the world and all nationalities a unique educational experience from Maternelle to Year 12 (French or International Baccalaureate).


We currently have 950 students of 27 different nationalities enrolled in our school. With an emphasis on academic excellence and multiculturalism, our mission is to educate students in an international setting so they can become multilingual citizens of the world.

Lycée Condorcet Sydney (LCS) is part of the international network of French schools registered with the French Ministry of Education and the Agency for French Teaching Abroad (AEFE) as well as the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA).

The school's curriculum is taught in both French and English, with the opportunity to learn additional languages from the beginning of secondary school. This allows students to leave feeling at home not just in France or Australia, but anywhere in the world.

LCS also has a rich cultural, sporting and artistic life that contributes to the overall personal development and academic excellence of our students. This focus on a well-rounded education in a diverse, friendly and nurturing environment makes LCS an incomparable and forward-thinking choice for your child's education.

On behalf of all the staff, I am proud to welcome you to Lycée Condorcet Sydney.


Sébastien Mathey, Principal

A WORLD-CLASS, MULTILINGUAL & MULTICULTURAL EDUCATION

Lycée Condorcet Sydney's core values are academic excellence, bilingualism, world citizenship and multiculturalism.

As well as offering a complete school curriculum for children aged 3 to 18 in French and English, LCS is also a member of the worldwide network of French schools abroad and follows the principles and values of educational excellence 'à la française'.

Our students come from all over the world and from many different backgrounds to gain a high-quality, well-rounded education in a multicultural environment. Students become bilingual in elementary school and have the opportunity to become multilingual in high school. After graduation, they are able to pursue further studies anywhere they choose.



"LCS teaches students critical thinking and how to be citizens of the world. I like the fact that there is an emphasis on academic achievement to a high level and that when they finish high school they will be fluent in up to four languages."

– SUZANNE, PARENT

"You don't have to be from France to be at the school. LCS offers the opportunity for kids to learn at least two languages and become bilingual – it's in the DNA from day one. More than the languages, the students are learning two cultures and how to become true citizens of the world."

– FRANÇOIS, PARENT

Children are encouraged to participate at every level of their schooling. This promotes an open learning environment and inspires children to learn, grow and assert their individual personality.

OUR EDUCATIONAL STRUCTURE

“Children learn how to read and write French from an early age. The primary school also teaches them good foundations – how to be organised, good handwriting, how to plan. It opens their eyes to lots of things like developing a method of studying so they are prepared for high school.”

– SUSANNE, PARENT



Maternelle

Petite Section • Moyenne Section • Grande Section

The Maternelle at LCS has a structured educational purpose and an official curriculum. Our main aim is to inspire children to go to school to learn, grow and assert their personality.

The children learn to socialise and develop independence, knowledge and skills and also study French, English and other languages.



Elémentaire/Elementary School

CP to CM2/Years 1 to 5

Our elementary school focuses on the written language (Years 1–3) and consolidation of knowledge (Years 4–5). The basic concepts introduced in Maternelle are reinforced with a focus on proficiency in written and spoken French and English.

In Years 1 to 3 (cycle 2, fundamental learning) children are introduced to French and English, mathematics, discovery activities, the visual arts, music and physical education.

In Years 4 and 5 (cycle 3) other subjects are studied in more detail: literature, history and geography, experimental science and technology. Information and communication technology skills are required for many other school activities and lead to the first level of the computer and Internet component of the Brevet which is the equivalent of the School Certificate.



College/Junior High School

Years 6 to 9

In Junior High School, students reinforce and increase the knowledge they have acquired in elementary school. They are also introduced to secondary education teaching methods as they prepare for the National Diploma Brevet (DNB).

The *Loi d’Orientation et de Programmation* guarantees that by the end of Year 9 all students will have acquired a common base of competencies and knowledge.

At the end of junior high school students must sit the national Brevet diploma exam.

In Year 6, students also have the option to begin learning a second foreign language.



Lycée/Senior High School

Seconde • Première • Terminale/Years 10 to 12

Lycée Condorcet Sydney offers two different curriculums for Senior High School and to qualify for higher education: the General or French Baccalaureate OR the International Baccalaureate.



The French Baccalaureate (FB)

The General or French Baccalaureate (FB) of the French Ministry of Education is recognised internationally and allows students access to higher education in France, Australia and the rest of the world, including preparatory classes. The syllabus is studied over three years from Year 10.

The curriculum aims to allow for gradual specialisation and conscious preparation for the student’s choice of tertiary study and promote the learning of modern languages, appreciation of the arts and culture and accountability.



The International Baccalaureate (IB)

The IB is a diploma taught in English. It is accepted by higher education institutions around the world. Students can start the IB in Year 11 at Lycée Condorcet Sydney if they have completed Year 10 at the school. If they are coming from an Australian school, they must take the IB Prep program for the first six months of the year before starting Year IB 1 in August.

IB students will graduate with a Bilingual Diploma confirming their proficiency in both English and French. However, the ability to speak French is not a prerequisite for enrolment in the IB, which caters to all levels of French.

THE GYM: The sporting facilities at LCS have recently been renovated and now feature a state-of-the-art gymnasium.

LYCÉE CONDORCET
The International French School

OUR FACILITIES

Sports at LCS

Physical and sports education (PE) is a compulsory subject and prepares the students for the Brevet des collèges (DNB) and French Baccalaureate. During their junior secondary and senior secondary schooling students discover various sporting activities such as:

Swimming • Middle distance racing • Surfing • Rugby with 7 players • Oz tag • AFL • Football • Basketball • Handball • Baseball • Volleyball • Acrosport • Circus Art du cirque • PPG • Ultimate

The school's Sports Association (AS) offers interested students the opportunity to broaden their knowledge and competence in a range of different sports. It is also a gateway to participating in sporting activities outside the school. At Lycée Condorcet Sydney we offer:

Swimming • Competitive swimming • Surfing • Handball • Tennis • Futsal

Sports Sections (SS) offers students the possibility to benefit from further training in their chosen sport and to participate in competitions at the national and international level. Students are required to pass selection tests in order to join each sports section. The sports sections offered at Lycée Condorcet Sydney are:

Swimming • Surfing • Badminton • Tennis

The Canteen

Students at Lycée Condorcet are offered a balanced and nutritious meal each day. Managed by Scolarest, the canteen also offers a variety of fruits and vegetables in addition to the main meal.

Students in secondary school can choose between four types of salads and four types of fruits from the salad bar. From the beginning of the school year in August until October and also from April until the end of June, a warm soup is also served every day to primary and secondary school students.

Our Canteen Manager is especially attentive to any allergies that children may have. The canteen does not use any nuts or stone fruits in the preparation of its meals, however they cannot offer a 100% guarantee that all meals are nut free as some ingredients can contain traces of nuts.

"Thanks to the canteen we set up in 2004, students learn how to eat properly. They sit down for lunch, take a break to talk and enjoy proper food."

– FRANÇOIS, PARENT

Music and Extra-curricular programs

We offer extra-curricular music to all students who wish to learn an instrument or perform in an ensemble.

Instruments:

Violin Viola, Cello • Recorder • Clarinet • Flute and Piccolo • Soprano, Alto and Baritone Saxophone • Guitar and Bass guitar • Drums and Percussion • Piano and Singing.

Ensembles and groups:

Large Orchestra • School Band • Wind Ensembles • Rock and Jazz Ensembles • Drums and Percussion Ensemble and the School Choir (Secondary School)

We also offer clubs including:

Arts & Craft • Capoeira • Cooking • Dance • Drawing • Hip hop • IT • Japanese • Mandarin • Portraiture • Robotics • Skating • Soccer • Spanish • Study • Web radio

"LCS attracts people who want something different – for their children to be exposed to arts, media, creativity, travel – and there is a good blend of socio-economic backgrounds at the school."

– SUSANNE, PARENT

Our plans for the future: Condorcet-CAMPUS 2020

In 2016 we began working on Phase 1 of the master plan for Condorcet-CAMPUS 2020.

Once completed, we will have increased the capacity of the school from 850 students to 1300 by upgrading our amenities and building new, more sustainable ones. There will be more classrooms and teaching areas, allowing us to offer an even wider curriculum. It will also enable us to implement long-term financial planning to support the future operations of the school.

This project has been a long time in the making and will allow the Lycée Condorcet to enter the next stage of its history.

A WORLD OF CHOICE

Lycée Condorcet Sydney is part of the international network of French schools registered with the French Ministry of Education and the Agency for French Teaching Abroad (AEFE) as well as the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA).

Students follow the French curriculum and school calendar with some adjustments for southern-hemisphere seasons and Australian school terms. We also include Australian curriculum requirements such as Australian culture, language and history.

Lycée Condorcet offers two different curriculums for secondary school and to qualify for higher education:

The General or French Baccalaureate (FB) of the French Ministry of Education

Recognised internationally, the FB allows students access to higher education in France, Australia and the rest of the world, including preparatory classes. The syllabus is studied for over three years from Year 10.


The International Baccalaureate (IB)

The IB is a diploma taught only in English and is also accepted by higher education institutions around the world. Students can start the IB in Year 11 at Lycée Condorcet if they have completed Year 10 at the school. If they are coming from an Australian school, they must take the IB Prep program for the first six months of the year before starting Year 11 in August.

"We like the fact that LCS is part of an international network, so no matter where we move we know there will be continuity with schooling for the children. And the fact that there are two options, FB or IB, means we are confident they will have the opportunity to continue studying anywhere in the world."

- MARINE, PARENT



A photograph of two students, a young woman and a young man, sitting at a desk in a classroom or computer lab. They are both looking at computer monitors. The young woman is in the foreground, wearing a dark jacket, and the young man is behind her, also wearing a dark jacket. They are both looking at the screens with concentration. The background shows a red wall and other computer monitors.

“When you look at the results on NAPLAN and IB and FB, ATAR and where the kids are going after school, LCS is getting some amazing results; it is one of top schools in Australia.”

– FRANÇOIS, PARENT

Both the General or French Baccalaureate and the International Baccalaureate are recognised internationally and allow students access to higher education institutions around the world.

BUILDING GLOBAL CONNECTIONS & OPPORTUNITIES

Lycée Condorcet students excel when examined in the Australian system. Half of students graduate sitting the French baccalaureate with an ATAR of over 98.5 and are consistently admitted to the best universities in Australia, France, Canada, the UK and the US.

Exchange Opportunities

The French government, via the AEF and MAEDI (Foreign Affairs and International Development Ministry), supports student exchanges through Excellence-Major scholarships. These scholarships enable the best ‘bacheliers’ from a school overseas with a French curriculum to continue a course at the highest level in French higher education.

The Excellence-Major grant scheme supports around 800 students of foreign nationality for five years of study in France. Each year, 150 to 200 new scholarship students join this program.

Connections to cultural institutions

As a representative of French culture and education in Australia, Lycée Condorcet Sydney has strong ties with both the French Chamber of Commerce and the French Embassy in Australia. Students and parents are able to participate in forums and also have the opportunity to tap into the French business network via regular jobs fairs and other information sessions.

The school also has a close connection with Alliance Française Sydney and is part of the global AEF network of 494 French schools in 135 countries, ensuring a seamless transition for students moving countries.

If you would like to find out more about opportunities for your child's education at Lycée Condorcet or arrange a school visit, please do not hesitate to contact our enrolments coordinator.

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Our teaching program places the child at the heart of two linguistic and cultural worlds, all the way from Maternelle through to the end of high school.



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