

French Exchange Students at Meriden

We were delighted to recently welcome seven students from our sister school, St Jacques de Compostelle in Dax, France. The girls enjoyed a brief but memorable experience of life at Meriden before spending the Easter break immersed in the daily routines of their host families.

Our Meriden families went above and beyond to ensure the students felt welcome while showcasing the best of Sydney and New South Wales. Highlights included ferry trips to Manly, the Bondi to Coogee coastal walk, visits to the Royal Botanic Garden and the Sydney Opera House, as well as trips to the Blue Mountains and Canberra.



St Jacques de Compostelle students first day at Meriden



Farewells at the airport

The students spoke warmly of their experiences and formed strong connections with their host families; farewells at the airport were heartfelt, with more than a few tears.

During the holiday period, students also visited Featherdale Wildlife Park, where they fed kangaroos and encountered koalas and other native Australian animals. The day concluded with a gathering of exchange families from both Meriden and Trinity Grammar, our partner school in hosting students from St Jacques de Compostelle.

The evening provided a valuable opportunity for families to connect and reflect on the rewards and unique experiences of hosting an international student.

We extend our sincere thanks to all host families for their generosity and hospitality.

Later this year, as part of the reciprocal exchange, Meriden students will travel to France accompanied by Ms Rodriguez. They will attend school in Dax, live with host families, and celebrate Christmas in France before returning to Sydney.

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