

The French Australian Brisbane School

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School in Brisbane, QLDThe French Australian Brisbane School (aka FABS) is a not-for-profit organization aiming to establish and operate a school in Brisbane. The aim of the school is to provide a bilingual and bicultural French and Australian education experience for children of pre-school and primary school ages that is recognized by the Australian and French education systems. There is no existing equivalent school in Brisbane, however, there are existing French-Australian schools in Sydney, Canberra and Melbourne which are operating successfully. Surveys have been conducted in 2013 which show that close to 200 pupils from French, francophone and Australian communities would be enrolled at FABS should the school exist. The project is actively supported by the French Embassy and the Queensland Department of Education, Training and Employment ("DETE"). Tingalpa State School has implemented a new and exciting initiative in 2015. A French- Australian bilingual program has been introduced. This program has the support of Department of Education and Training and the French Ministry of Education via the French Embassy in Canberra. This initiative begins with one Prep class in 2015. As the program rolls up in subsequent years, we envisage that there will be one French-Australian bilingual class in each year level. We are working towards gaining full accreditation with the French Ministry of Education so that our French-Australian Bilingual program will be recognized as the first school in Queensland to implement a harmonized French and Australian curriculum.

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