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CAL News 2017

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CAL launch 17 January 2017

Our launch was held at the Canberra Museum and Gallery (CMAG) on Tuesday 17 January 2017, with 51 attending. Thanks to all who were there for the event, to CMAG for providing an excellent venue (pictured below left), to our advisory panel and patron (centre photo) and to our speakers (below on right).



Included in the program was [an address by Heather Macpherson](#) and [one by Emily Fisher](#), former students of French from Hawker College, and Emily Fisher. Their reflections from a learner's perspective gave us valuable insights on the diverse reasons for learning languages.



Commencement - 6 to 9 February 2017

Programs for 2017 commenced in Week 2 of Term 1, to enable schools and colleges to finalise timetables and class placements in Week 1. In 2017, we are delivering programs in French, commencing with the two units The World Around Us (Semester 1) and Lifestyle and Traditions (Semester 2) from the ACT BSSS Type 1 Continuing French and Advanced French courses.

Versailles – Treasures from the Palace, 17 March 2017

The CAL French class attended the National Gallery of Australia to view the exhibition Versailles – Treasures from the Palace. In a collaboration by the NGA with the [Modern Language Teachers' Association of the ACT](#), a set of educational resources was prepared in 2016 for use by classes in relation to the exhibition, including resources tailored for senior secondary French, based on the themes in ACT French courses accredited with BSSS.



French Film Festival, 22 March 2017

The CAL French class visited Palace Electric Cinema in Acton to see the film *Un Sac de Billes* (director Christian Duguay), during the Alliance Française French Film Festival, on Wednesday 22 March 2017. A valuable kit pédagogique was made available by the Alliance Française for use in classes in relation to the film.



Agreement with Alliance Française, 12 May 2017

We are pleased to announce an agreement on collaboration with the Alliance Française de Canberra. I met on 12 May 2017 with the Director, Patrice Gilles and the Business Development Manager, Vincent Brousse, to sign the agreement. We have complementary roles in providing opportunities for learners of French in the Canberra region, with the Canberra Academy of Languages offering courses for credit towards the ACT Senior Secondary Certificate and the Alliance Française offering conversation classes, cultural events and DELF certification.



AFMLTA Conference, 6-8 July 2017

The 2017 AFMLTA Conference, from 6-8 July 2017 at Bond University, was an opportunity to present the concept and plans of the Canberra Academy of Languages and to meet with colleagues who specialise in delivering programs for language learning throughout Australia.



ANGLS Conference, 14-15 August 2017

We participated in the 2017 ANGLS Conference at Open Access College in Adelaide on Monday-Tuesday, 14-15 August 2017. This gathering of coordinators of specialist languages schools from five of the eight Australian education jurisdictions was a valuable opportunity to exchange experience and insights about languages education in Australia.



CAL full registration, 17 August 2017

At its meeting on 17 August 2017 the ACT Board of Secondary Studies approved full registration of the Canberra Academy of Languages as a Specialist Education Provider for the period to 31 December 2022.



French lunch at Café Breizh, 31 August 2017

The CAL class met with students from southside for a fine Breton-style French lunch and conversation in French at Café Breizh in Ainslie on Thursday 31 August 2017.

CAL sign at Convention Centre, 5 September 2017

Our announcement for our September information evening is now up on the digital display outside the Canberra Convention Centre.



Interview with 2XX, 11 September 2017

At midday on Monday 11 September 2017 at Community radio 2XXfm, Victor Marillanca on his show Multicultural Voices of ACT kindly hosted an interview with Frank Keighley, for a discussion about the Canberra Academy of Languages and our plans for 2018. Select [this link](#) to download an mp3 with extracts from the interview.



Facebook page launched, 13 September 2017

On Wednesday 13 September 2017, we launched the Canberra Academy of Languages Facebook page. A link to our Facebook page from the Contacts section of the home page on our website was added on 21 September. We look forward to participating in this interactive medium in communicating with you about our programs.



Information evening, 14 September 2017

Our information evening was held on Thursday 14 September 2017 from 6 pm at the Canberra Museum and Gallery (CMAG) for prospective 2018 students and their families and schools.



We thank all those who attended. If you would like information but were unable to attend, please [contact us](#).

French lesson in progress, 20 September 2017

This session was about performing arts in France – theatre, dance and music – a topic in the accredited French program for the current semester. Select [this link](#) to download an mp4 with an extract from the lesson, where we were discussing how theatre tickets in the national theatres in France are subsidised and the balance is paid by theatre-goers.



Community Languages Day, 21 October 2017

Our CAL stall was in good hands at the Community Languages Day at EPIC (Exhibition Park in Canberra) on Saturday 21 November 2017.



Digital signs at Canberra Centre, 13 to 26 November 2017

We have a notice about enrolments running in the food courts at the Canberra Centre from 13 to 26 November.



Visit to Alliance Française, Wednesday 22 November 2017

The CAL French class visited the Alliance Française yesterday morning to find out about programs and resources (including Culturethèque, the online French library). The visit was an opportunity to find out about ways to maintain connections with French language and culture into the future. We met with courses coordinator Graziella Vergain, director Patrice Gilles and deputy director Anaïs Garrigues.



Future of Education submission, Wednesday 6 December 2017

The Canberra Academy of Languages has sent a [submission to ACT Government on the Future of Education](#). In accord with our purpose as an organisation, the focus of our submission is on provisions in the ACT for senior secondary languages.



The ACT's senior secondary system is an outstanding asset for our educational jurisdiction, but as the national capital, seat of the Federal Government and base for Australia's foreign relations, the ACT should be achieving much better outcomes in completion of language studies by students to Year 12 level. Our submission sets out what ACT Government needs to do about strengthening provision for language learning and creating better access for students who have invested in that learning prior to commencing in Years 11-12.

Twitter account for CAL, 12 December 2017

We have launched a Twitter account for CAL –



End of Year Ceremony, Tuesday 12 December 2017

Thanks to all our guests for today's CAL ceremony at CMAG. Congratulations to our fine students, Hayley and Bernie in the Class of 2017 - the foundation class of the Canberra Academy of Languages. The convener's report for 2017 [available here](#). See pictures from the ceremony here and on our [Facebook page](#).

