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Grammar celebrates French connection

In celebration of the famous Le Quatorze Juillet or more commonly known as Bastille Day in English speaking countries, students at Sunshine Coast Grammar School have enjoyed all things French yesterday, Tuesday, July 12.

Traditionally celebrated on July 14, the French celebration commemorates the storming of the prison named Bastille during the French Revolution which symbolised liberty, democracy and the struggle against all forms of oppression.

Since 2000, Sunshine Coast Grammar has had a close bond with the French city of Aurillac, located in the Auvergne Province in central France. During this time, both Australian and French students have participated in many very special and successful cultural exchange programs.

Mrs Georgie Richardson, French Teacher of Sunshine Coast Grammar School, is excited about celebrating Bastille Day at the School as it provides an opportunity for all students to learn a little more about French history and culture.

“As part of the French Program at the School, we have had a number of students participate in cultural exchange tours to France this year, including our bi-annual French Tour. This term we have also had the opportunity to welcomed three students from our sister school in Aurillac who will spend the term studying at the School,” said Mrs Richardson

“The study of language and culture is an important component of life at school and we are very fortunate to have opportunities to not only travel to other countries to experience their culture first hand but to make meaningful connections with our global visitors.”

“Bastille Day is always a highly anticipated event for our French students as they share some delicious Chocolate croissants, profiteroles, ham and cheese croissants and Eiffel Tower cookies with all profits going towards Médecins Sans Frontières (Doctors Without Borders),” said Mrs Richardson.

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