

Wider Subject Choice

Curro values each learner's unique interests and life goals, empowering them to pursue their passions. With our innovative approach to education through our wider subject choice offering, Curro Choice, we offer a range of diverse subjects to all Curro high school learners in order for them to customise and personalise their educational journey.

FRENCH CONVERSATION

Available to:

IEB and NSC: Grades 8 and 9



AN OVERVIEW

French Conversation offers you a great option to experience a smooth, gradual learning process – assuring a balanced approach among communication skills, cultural elements and grammar. This is not an IEB-examinable subject, but learners can arrange to complete the internationally recognised DELFT exams at an additional cost.



FIVE REASONS FOR LEARNING TO SPEAK FRENCH

1. French is spoken by about 300 million people on five continents. In Africa alone, French is spoken daily by more than 116 million people, in more than thirty countries.
2. French is a language for the job market. France has the fifth largest economy and countries such as Canada, Switzerland, Belgium, the Ivory Coast, Senegal and Morocco also do business in French.
3. French is the language of culture – the international language of cooking, fashion, theatre, visual arts, dance and architecture. It is also the official language of the Olympic games.
4. French is an important language for travelling. France is the world's top tourist destination, with more than 79,5 million visitors a year. The language is indispensable when travelling for business or leisure throughout Africa, Canada, Monaco, the Seychelles and many other destinations.
5. French is the fourth most used language on the Internet!



CAREER PATHS

French is useful if you are considering a career in translation and interpretation, tourism and commerce, radio and television broadcasting, teaching and lecturing, fashion and design, hospitality, journalism, liaison and public relations, advertising, publishing, audiovisual production, law and medicine (Médecins Sans Frontières/Doctors Without Borders is essentially a French organisation).



WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT FROM THIS PROGRAMME

The syllabus covers basic everyday themes such as introducing oneself, family, daily routine, school, transport, food, hobbies and holidays. Practical skills are acquired – for example, making reservations in a hotel, ordering food in a restaurant, extending invitations and interpreting visual texts. At a more advanced level, various relevant themes are explored, such as youth, health, sport, food, media, technology, travelling, friendship and the environment.



ASSESSMENTS

Assessments and examinations include oral conversations and presentations, listening skills, comprehension, grammar and writing.

You are encouraged to write the DELF A1 examinations after approximately 1 to 2 years of study. The DELF (Diplôme d'Études en Langue Française/ Diploma in French Language) and the DALF (Diplôme Approfondi de Langue Française/ Advanced Diploma in French language) are diplomas awarded by the French Ministry of Education, to recognise the French language skills of candidates. These biannual examinations are internationally recognised and are facilitated in South Africa by the Alliance Française in Johannesburg, Pretoria, Cape Town, Durban, and Port Elizabeth. The Alliance Française is a French Cultural organisation which promotes French language and Francophone culture around the world. The DELF-DALF levels correspond to the six levels identified in the Common European Framework of Reference for languages (CECR). This includes the four diplomas of the DELF, A1, A2, B1 and B2, and two diplomas of the DALF, C1 and C2. These examinations are internationally recognised and further qualifications can be obtained throughout the world on presentation of certification.

Interested?

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