

AMBASSADE DE FRANCE
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Dear Senator,

It was a pleasure to meet and discuss with you during the French-Australian Preschool's anniversary. Following our discussion regarding the situation of foreign students in Australia and their welfare, I would like to give you the following information :

- 3,742 French students were enrolled in Australia in 2008, which represents an increase of 85% since 2002,
- the majority of them undertook studies in the Higher Education system : 1233 students (they were 460 in 2002),
- 1040 students in Elicos (English Language Intensive Courses),
- 682 in VET (Vocational Education),
- 71 in Schools,
- 716 in other structures.

52% of the French students undertook studies at Masters level or higher. More than 200 university agreements tie French and Australian Higher Education establishments. Most of the students come in Australian universities within the framework of university exchanges programs.

We can say that the French students, in their very large majority, are happy to undertake their studies in Australia.

I hope this information is helpful. I remain, and my colleagues from the Embassy, at your disposal.

Yours faithfully,



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