ENROLMENT POLICY

Telopea Park School/Lycée Franco-Australien de Canberra is a unique binational school. It provides, a bilingual program from K to 6 and a French Secondary School program from 7 to 10, leading to the Baccalaureat and ACT Secondary School program.

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the School are:

- to provide bilingual education in the English and French languages from the kindergarten to Year ten level for students aged from five years to at least the end of compulsory schooling;
- to promote progressive bilingualism in its educational program and to enhance access by students to quality bilingual education;
- to foster respect for other cultures;
- to provide a normal Australian education at secondary level, as a neighborhood school; and
- to contribute to French-Australian educational and cultural relations and in particular to support the achievement of the aims of the Cultural Agreement.

Bilingual English/French Program K – 10

For ACT residents there is no designated priority enrolment area for this program. The most common point of entry is at kindergarten. Applications may be lodged up to three calendar years in advance. Parents are advised that in past years it has not been possible to enrol all applicants.

Residents in other states may lodge an application but will only be considered after ACT residents.

KINDERGARTEN

Kindergarten children will be admitted in order of receipt of applications within the following priority order:

1. French nationals or French binational citizens. **Documentary evidence is required.**
2. Students in the ACT who can demonstrate more than one of the following criteria. **Written evidence is required.**
   - Children who have received significant education in French in accordance with the French curriculum.
   - Children who can demonstrate an ability to express and comprehend French at an appropriate age level.
   - Children who can demonstrate a marked aptitude for language acquisition.
   - Children who can demonstrate a need for a bilingual English/French education which can be demonstrated to the satisfaction of the French and Australian Principals as essential or highly desirable because of past experience or future needs.
   - Families who can demonstrate a strong commitment to bilingual education.
3. Other ACT students
4. Applicants from outside the ACT will be considered if there are places available with priority given to 1, 2, 3 as above.

Students may be required to be assessed for entry.

Admission of students is determined by the Principal. Acceptance of a place at Telopea Park School/Lycée Franco-Australien is taken as an indication that you will support the goals and policies of the school.

In any given year children who turn five by 30 April in that year are eligible for admission to kindergarten. French nationals posted to Australia and able to provide evidence that they will be returning to France or a French school elsewhere may seek entry to kindergarten under the same conditions as apply in other French schools.