



## Programme d'immersion française

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### Re : Learning and cultural exchanges

Dear parents and guardians of French Immersion students,

Van Tech strongly recommends students participate in a summer exchange programme as opposed to exchanges that occur during the school year. This will allow them to complete academic pursuits here in Canada, while developing their French skills abroad.

The following should be taken into consideration when organizing an exchange:

- 1) Consideration of your current success in French Immersion and other courses, and the impact being away for an extended period would have on your learning;
- 2) Student is responsible for the creation and completion of a work plan in consultation with teachers so that:
  - a. teachers may advise on student participation in the exchange (Teachers are not responsible for creating alternate learning opportunities, nor making learning materials available online if that is not already a part of their practice)
  - b. they may create a work plan / assignments for students to complete while on exchange
    - i. Students are responsible for completing all work assigned while away on exchange
    - ii. Work must be completed so that students can transition back into their VanTech schedule upon return;
- 3) Group exchanges within the same school year should depart and return within the same week, not at multiple times in the school year;
- 4) Exchange student counterparts do not have priority in terms of scheduling here at Van Tech;
- 5) Open and consistent communication between all involved parties (concerning specific details such as paying for school fees etc).

If you are considering an exchange, please communicate directly with your counsellor and French Immersion Department Head of your intent to do so.