



MEDIA INFORMER

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Bonjour, bienvenue à Roseville College!

Instead of “Hello, Welcome to Roseville College”, Kindergarten to Year 6 students were hearing this morning’s greeting in French as part of the Junior School’s special French Day yesterday.

Encouraged by French Teacher Mrs Michelle Lye, dressed as a young Marie Antoinette, the students spent the day participating in a variety of theme activities such as Marionette theater, a mini Tour de France, creating Eiffel Tower models from wafers and icing, baking crepes with strawberries and molten chocolate, playing boules in the courtyard, or donning smocks to paint *a la di Vinci*, Degas and Seurat.

“I started learning French at school and thought, ‘Only such a beautiful language could make ugly words like *guillotine* sound pretty and delicate!’” explains Mrs Lye.

“I discovered that French was widely used and opened up a very interesting and diverse culture, so I continued French through Senior School and into University; even living in France for a period after completing my degree.”

The opportunity to share the language and culture with Roseville College girls has been a joy for Mrs Lye, who feels that French is a language that connects with girls, especially because of its pronunciation and vocabulary.

Roseville College offers French from Year 3 to Year 12, including cultural and historical tours to France in Senior years.

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Photograph: Roseville College Junior School French Teacher Mrs Michelle Lye makes crepes with (L-R) Year 4 student Jennifer Cockley, Year 5 student Yuri Nagata and Year 4 student Mina Kearns.

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