Dear Parent / Guardian,

Each year, the students of French at Huntingtower School are invited to take part in the annual French poetry competition organised and assessed by the Alliance Française of Melbourne. For students in Years 11 and 12, the two parts of the competition are based on the same format as the end of year 12 oral and written examinations. This opportunity provides our students with gaining a practice experience of the “real thing”. Furthermore, they experience formal assessment procedures in preparation for VCE French.

A significant proportion of assessment in the study of French relates to the acquisition of all four language skills. The students’ involvement in the Alliance Française will certainly prepare them and put them in good stead for the demands of VCE French. Hence, I am expecting ALL students in Years 11 and 12 to take part.

The cost of the competition is $27.60 per student and the fee will be charged to your child’s school account. This includes BOTH the written and the oral examinations.

Each year, we have had 4-5 finalists selected from our school and I am proud to announce that some of those students were prize winners (2nd and 3rd places in the whole state). They were formally presented with an award at a ceremony attended by a number of French officials. The first prize at senior level is a trip to Australia’s closest French-speaking neighbour, New Caledonia!!

I look forward to helping your child achieve his / her personal best in this competition.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mille fois merci.

Mme Lillette Jonas
(Head of French Studies)