



NEW BRUNSWICK
French International
Student Program

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COVID-19 Update

- Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the health risks and restrictions associated with it, the decision was taken that the NBFISP would not welcome any students for 2020-2021 school year.
- All students that were registered for 2020-2021 school year had the option of differing their registration to the 2021-2022 school year, or to cancel their registration altogether without any additional costs.
- We are not accepting any new applications for the second semester of the 2020-2021 school year.
- We are now accepting applications for the 2021-2022 school year, with the hope that the situation will be back to a certain 'normal' and that we will be able to offer the quality program that everyone expects at that time.

For any questions, contact us at
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Where are they now?



Emre Bengü (center) with his host grandparents upon graduation in June 2020.

A Turkish student spends 3 years in New Brunswick

Participating in the New Brunswick French International Student Program for three years in a row is not a common thing. It's what Emre Bengü from Turkey did after arriving here for the 2017-2018 school year. He attended École Sainte-Anne in Fredericton, where he obtained his high school diploma in June 2020.

Emre started to learn French in Turkey, attending a French school. It then became an obvious choice for him to continue learning in this language.

"When my parents asked me if I wanted to participate in an international student program, I wasn't sure at first. I came with the intention of staying for one year, and I ended up staying for three", he explains.

Emre got the chance to play basketball with the school team, Les Castors, which qualified for the finals in 2018-2019. It was a first for the school and the story made the headlines in the French newspaper L'Acadie Nouvelle in 2019. Other than his extracurricular achievements, Emre obtained a bursary for best improvement in French during his time at École Sainte-Anne.



Emre stayed with the same host family for his first two years in New Brunswick. With this family, he got the chance to visit different places, such as the province of Québec.

"My first host family was from Québec. We went there during the holidays. It was fun to see Québec and Montréal. I liked that." Emre believes the main difference between the Acadian and Turkish cultures is the independence of teenagers.

"When I compare the Canadian and Turkish ways, I notice that young Canadians are more independent than my friends in Turkey. I think this is the most important difference. People are more independent here."

After obtaining his high school diploma, Emre Bengü decided to stay in Canada to pursue his studies. He is currently studying computer science at the University of Ottawa. He has not yet decided what he'll do after.

"I don't know if I'll return to Turkey. For now, I'm focussing on finishing my studies here and I'll see after that", he adds.



Left picture: Emre Bengü wears number 20 on the school's basketball team.



Right picture: Emre, right, with his host family on a ski trip.

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School : École Arc-en-ciel
Community/city : Oromocto
Students : 333

Level : Grades K to 8
Founding Year : 1984

Description : École Arc-en-ciel is located in Oromocto, known as Canada's Model Town. Situated on the banks of the Saint John and Oromocto rivers in the western part of the province, it is a prosperous and progressive community of about 9 000 people, and has developed in part because of the Canadian Forces Base Gagetown, one of the largest military training centres in the Commonwealth. Only several minutes away from the provincial capital, the area offers many recreational and cultural activities (walking trails, parks, museums, art galleries, theatre, music, etc.) and is close to the Fredericton international airport.



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