Japan Student Tour  
~ 2017 ~
Tour Outline & Expression of Interest

Dear parents,

We are currently planning an 11 day student trip to Japan in 2017, visiting Kyoto, Hiroshima, Miyajima and Tokyo. The tour may also include a visit to our Penpal school in Hiroshima for half a day.

This trip is available to students who are CURRENTLY in Grade 4, 5 or 6. Applications will be prioritised on the date they are returned to school (first in best dressed) but applications will also be considered on the basis of student maturity and behaviour in all classes at school. Students who are selected for this trip will be ambassadors for our school and for Australia, and we need to be sure that we can depend on respectful behaviour and the ability to follow instructions carefully at all times.

Based on the current exchange rate, the cost for students who will be 11 years or younger on October 5, 2017 is expected to be about $4,200.

For students 12 years of age and older on Oct. 5 2017, the cost is expected to be about $4,500.

These indicative prices include an emergency provision of $200 which would be refunded if unspent at the end of the trip.

Applications need to be submitted by the end of Term 3, and students will be notified by the start of October as to whether their application has been accepted. A non-refundable deposit of $1,000 will then be due at the end of October, 2016. Three further instalments will be due at the beginning of February, April and June 2017.

The tour cost covers all expenses except passport and personal spending money. It includes:
- Return airfares
- 11 nights’ accommodation in 3 star hotels
- All meals, snacks and drinks
- Travel insurance
- All sightseeing/entry costs including Tokyo Disneyland
- All ground transport in Japan including bullet train JR pass, local bus & train
- “Japan Tour ~ 2017” travel pack: tour t-shirt, hoodie, day pack, tour diary and luggage tags

We anticipate an ideal tour size of 10 students and 2 teachers.

We will try to strike a balance between traditional, cultural, hands-on and educational activities, along with experiencing the modern and fun side of Japan.

If you have any queries, please ring the school office and make a time to see me after school on Wednesdays or Fridays, or email me anytime at mailes22@optusnet.com.au. Arigatoo!  
Sensei (Tracey)
## Preliminary Itinerary

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|     | 24th  | Arrive Tokyo | Collected at airport by private bus
|     |       |       | Arrive at hotel by lunchtime
|     |       |       | * Akibahara – electronics and manga/anime centre of Tokyo
|     |       |       | * Sensoji temple
|     |       |       | Early dinner at local restaurant and early to bed |
| Day 3 | 25th | Tokyo | Full day in Tokyo. Possible sights to visit included:
|     |       |       | * Harajuku – capitol of Japanese pop culture
|     |       |       | * Meiji Jingu Shrine
|     |       |       | * Imperial Palace gardens
|     |       |       | * Hachiko’s Statue at Shibuya (busiest pedestrian crossing in the world)
|     |       |       | * Tokyo Metropolitan Government Building skydeck |
| Day 4 | 26th | Tokyo ~ Hiroshima | Bullet train from Tokyo to Hiroshima
|     |       |       | * Peace Park and museum
|     |       |       | * A-Bomb dome
|     |       |       | * Sadako’s memorial
|     |       |       | * Ringing the Peace Bell |
| Day 5 | 27th | Hiroshima | Penpal School visit
|     |       |       | * Shukkeien Gardens and Hiroshima Castle OR Mazda Factory Tour |
| Day 6 | 28th | Hiroshima | Miyajima – Japan’s famous ‘floating’ torii gate
|     |       |       | Itsukushima shrine
|     |       |       | Momiji Manju cooking class |
| Day 7 | 29th | Hiroshima - Kyoto | Once we arrive in Kyoto:
|     |       |       | * Nijojo Castle
|     |       |       | * Visit a genuine Maiko (apprentice geisha). She will demonstrate Japanese tea ceremony and sing/dance and play games. Lots of photo opportunities. |
| Day 8 | 30th | Kyoto | Eigamura – Japanese movie village – includes dressing up in kimono or as a ninja, sword fighting lesson, Edo period Japanese classroom experience, ninja show, ninja escape house obstacle course
|     |       |       | * Iwatayama Monkey Park |
| Day 9 | 31st | Kyoto | Tshirt printing workshop using traditional printing techniques
|     |       |       | * Nishijin Textile Centre – kimono fashion show and craft centre
|     |       |       | * Kiyomizu-dera Temple
|     |       |       | * Fushimi Inari Shrine |
| Day 10 | 1st | Kyoto - Mt. Fuji area | Stop at Odawara en route to Tokyo – visit Mount Fuji area for the afternoon including a cable car ride, 2 ropeways, eating ‘black eggs’ cooked in the volcanic sulphur hot springs, a pirate ship ride across the lake and then on to Tokyo |
| Day 11 | 2nd | Tokyo | Disneyland – all day and into the evening for the spectacular electric light parade and projections onto Sleeping Beauty’s Castle |
| Day 12 | 3rd | Tokyo | Final day in Tokyo visiting some of the attractions in the Odaiba area. Possible sights to visit include:
|     |       |       | * Miraikan Science Museum
|     |       |       | * Giant Gundam (robot) statue
|     |       |       | * Toyota Mega Web
|     |       |       | * Decks Tokyo Beach Trick Art Museum |
| Day 13 | 4th | Tokyo - Melbourne | Early private bus from the hotel to the airport for a 12.15 p.m. departure
|      |     |       | Students met by families at Melbourne Airport just after midnight. |
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TO BE COMPLETED BY PARENT:

Student’s name: ________________________________________________

Student’s age as at Oct. 5th, 2017 (years and months): ________________________________

Student’s current grade/year level at school: ______________________________________

Does your child have a current passport: __________________________________________

Passport number: ______________________________________________________________

Passport expiry date: _____________________________________________________________

Has your child travelled overseas before: ____________________________________________

Does your child have any medical conditions or food allergies, or are they on regular medication for any condition: ________________________________

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Parents’ names: ________________________________________________________________

Parents’ email address(es): ________________________________________________________

Parents’ home phone number(s): ________________________________________________

Parents’ mobile phone number(s): ______________________________________________

Parents’ postal address(es): _____________________________________________________

TO BE COMPLETED BY STUDENT:

I would like to go to Japan with the School Tour in 2017 because ________________________

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Please return to Tracey (Sensei) by the end of Term 3
- this form can be returned to the School Office or directly to Sensei -