



### N.S.W. Japanese School

August 2023



N.S.W. Japanese School Inc. was established in the inner-west area of Sydney as a notfor-profit community language school with the objective of providing an environment where children learn and enjoy the Japanese language and culture. We are a member of the NSW Federation of Community Language Schools and are accredited by the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs. We offer classes for toddlers through primary school students every Saturday from 9:30 am to 12:15 pm.

### School as of August, 2023

Name: N.S.W. Japanese School Inc.

**Establishment date:** 1st May, 2004

Location: Ashfield Public School

Liverpool Road, Ashfield, NSW, 2131

**Incorporation Number:** INC9881455 ABN: 48892474338

### **Staff**

**School Management Committee Members (volunteers)** 

**Directors:** 2 (selected from parents/guardians) 2 (selected from parents/guardians) **Administration managers: Treasurers:** 2 (selected from parents/guardians)

### **Teaching Staff**

Head teacher:

**Teachers:** 8 (including head teachers)

Teacher's Aide:

### **Families**

65 families **Number of families** 

with students attending

N.S.W. Japanese School Inc.:

### **Students**

Number of students: 90students (36 boys and 54 girls)

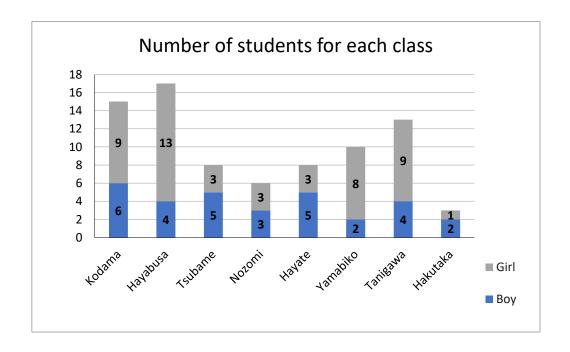


When N.S.W. Japanese School Inc. commenced in 2004, there were 6 classes and a total of 69 students ranging from 3 years old to 12 years old.

In addition to our regular classes, we have the flexibility to offer a prep school for our early childhood program and an advanced class for our senior students, depending on the number of applicants and graduates we have.

As of August 2023, we have 90 students enrolled in a total of 8 classes.

Number of students for each class as of August, 2023





### Teachers / Teacher's aide

All the teachers have formal teaching qualifications. In pre-primary classes and some younger primary classes teacher's aides are allocated.

### Number of teachers and teacher's aides of each class as of August, 2023

Class	Student age	No.of Students	Teacher	Teacher's aids
Kodama	3∼4 years old	15	1	2(3 in Term 1)
Hayabusa	4∼6 years old	17	1	2
Tsubame	5∼7 years old	8	1	1
Nozomi	7∼8 years old	6	1	-
Hayate	7∼9 years old	8	1	-
Yamabiko	9∼10 years old	10	1	-
Tanigawa	9∼12 years old	13	1	-
Hakutaka	11~12 years old	3	1	-

### **School management committee**

The school is run by directors, administration managers and treasurers who are selected from parents/ guardians.

Parent/guardian class representatives are selected for each class and organise school events including fundraising under the supervision of the school management committee.



The students are divided into classes according to their Japanese proficiency regardless of their nationality. Lessons are conducted exclusively in Japanese and students are encouraged to only speak Japanese while at school. As well as the four language skills - reading, writing, listening and speaking - celebration of traditional seasonal festivals and events is woven into the curriculum. Teachers are required to design an annual teaching plan for their class and they conduct lessons accordingly to their plans each week/term.

### Classes and curriculum 2018

Class	Lesson Outline		
	Pre-primary classes		
	Greetings in Japanese		
Kodama	Japanese songs, crafts and games		
77 1	Practice in holding pencils		
Hayabusa	<ul> <li>Learning vocabulary through books and pictures</li> <li>Recognising students' own names in Japanese</li> </ul>		
Tsubame	Reading and writing in hiragana		
TSuballie	Learning numbers in Japanese		
	Participation in school events		
	Primary stage 1 classes		
Nozomi	Using Japanese Kokugo textbooks (Kokugo Kyokasho Year 1 -2)		
II	Reading and writing in katakana		
Hayate	Learning kanji		
	Comprehension of basic sentences		
	Writing basic sentences     Learning numbers in Japanese		
	Learning numbers in Japanese     Darticipation in school grants		
	Participation in school events		
	Primary stage 2 classes		
Yamabiko	Using Japanese Kokugo textbooks (Kokugo Kyokasho Year 2 - )		
m :	Learning kanji		
Tanigawa	Comprehension of stories and explanatory material		
Hakutaka	<ul><li>Creative writing</li><li>Introduction to researching</li></ul>		
Hakutaka	Presentations		
	Units, calendar, clock and money		
	Participation in school events		

# Annual Events

The school organises various events through the year. Seasonal festivals are also celebrated so students can experience Japanese culture.

### **Events (2018)**

### Term 1

- Welcome for new students and Opening ceremony of term 1
- Parents/guardians annual general meeting
- Hina-matsuri (Japanese dolls festival)
- Fire drill
- Closing ceremony of term 1

### Term 2

- Opening ceremony of term 2
- Open morning for parents / guardians
- Parent-teacher interviews
- Tanabata-matsuri (Japanese star festival)
- Closing ceremony of term 2

### Term 3

- Opening ceremony of term 3
- Open day for prospective students/ parents/ guardians
- Sports carnival
- Closing ceremony of term 3

### Term 4

- Opening ceremony of term 4
- Annual parents/guardians meeting
- Trial day for students-to-be
- Natsu-matsuri (Summer festival)
- Year 6 students graduation and Closing ceremony of term 4

### Hina-matsuri (Japanese dolls festival)

Students make hina dolls to celebrate Hinamaturi which is held on 3 March. Student crafts are displayed outside classrooms.

### Tanabata-matsuri (Japanese star festival)

Tanabata-matsuri is celebrated at the end of term 2. Students write wishes onto tanzaku (strips of paper) and decorate them on bamboo branches.

### Undou-kai (Sports carnival)

All school event. Various activities are held such a sprints, novelty races, and team competition of little bean bag throwing to baskets.

### Yoji-Bu Masuri (Preschoolers Festival)

Each class decides on a theme for the store, crafts products, and plays the role of a shopkeeper. and play the role of a shopkeeper.

### Natsu-matsuri (Summer festival)

This event is held after end-year assembly. Various activities are held such as yoyo-tsuri (yoyo-fishing), wanage (ring throwing). There are food stalls as well.

In addition to the above events, the school regularly holds fundraising events such as morning tea and garage sales (generally once every term).

## Income and Expenditure

School income is generated from enrolment fees, tuition fees, annual membership fees, a New South Wales Government grant (NSW Community Languages Schools Program), fundraising, and bank account interest. School expenditure includes wages, educational materials, school equipment, administration, public liability insurance, Fair Trading fee, advertising and others. The school will be accredited as an overseas educational facility by the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs from July 1, 2023, and are entitled to receive the Japanese government support from April 2024 accordingly.

The school treasurers report on the yearly budget and income and expenditure of the previous year at the annual general meeting which is held in the second week of term 1.

We also holds a community market and morning tea, and sells goods donated by parents and companies that support our activities.

### NSW Japanese School Inc. School Song

Words: Eriko Kanno Music: Kayoko Minglis

Shidonii no aoi sora Massuguni nobiyou Minna de a i u e o Minna no koe ga kodama suru Niko niko tanosii nihongo hoshuukou

Shidonii no kaze no naka Te wo tsunaide ayumou Genki ni a ka sa ta na Kibou no koe ga afuredasu Kira kira kagayake minna no mirai ni

### Translation

Sydney's sky is blue
Let's stretch straight to the sky
Let's say together, a, i, u, e and o
Everyone's voice is echoing
Smile and enjoy N.S.W. Japanese School

In the breeze in Sydney
Let's hold hands and walk together
Let's say a, ka, sa, ta and na enthusiastically
Our voices with hope overflow
Everyone's future is shining brightly

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