



N.S.W. 日本語補習校

N.S.W. Japanese School

October 2020



N.S.W. Japanese School Inc. was established in the inner-west area of Sydney as a not-for-profit community language school with the objective of providing an environment where children learn and enjoy the Japanese language and culture. It mainly serves families where one or both parents are of Japanese background. Classes for pre-school and primary school-aged children are conducted on Saturday mornings from 9:30 to 12:15 during regular school terms, generally 9 times per term.

School as of October 2020

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

Teaching Staff

Head teacher:	2
Teachers:	8(including head teachers)
Teacher's Aide:	4

Families

Number of families with students attending N.S.W. Japanese School Inc. :	69 families
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Students

Number of students:	86students (35 boys and 51 girls)
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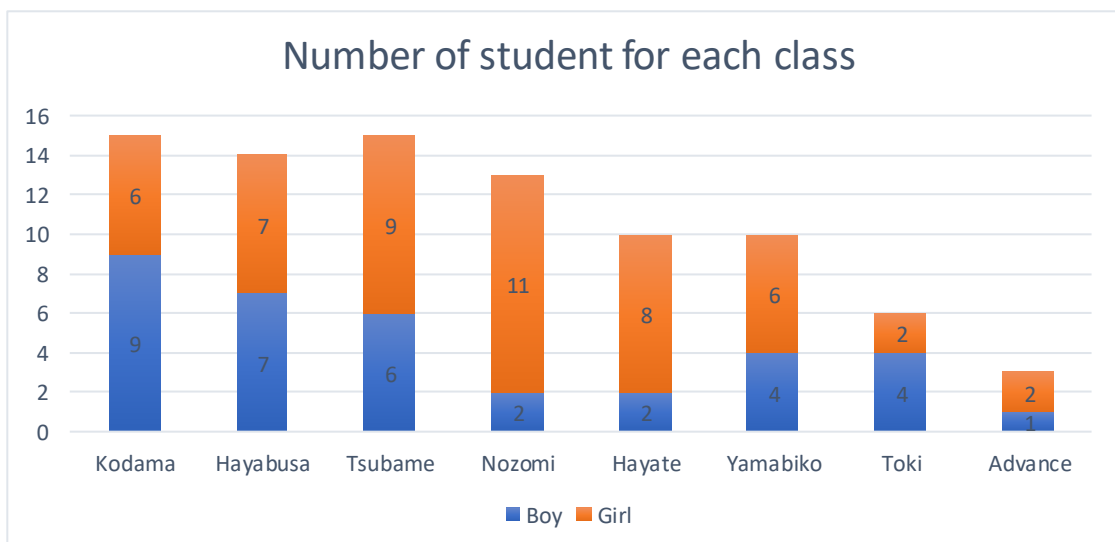
2 Students

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. The staffs at that time were 6 teachers and 3 aides to the teachers. The school has 86 students and 8 classes as of October 2020.

Change of number of students (school total and each class) as of October 2020

Class/year	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Kodama	13	12	13	0	9	14	15	14	12	12	15	16	15	15	20	17	15
Hayabusa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	13	13	14	14	16	15	12	17	14
Tsubame	14	15	14	15	10	15	16	10	14	14	15	11	15	13	17	12	15
Tsubasa	15	14	12	14	8	15	16	14	7	7	0	0	0	0	-	-	-
Hikar i	14	12	15	15	14	0	15	14	12	12	12	12	10	11	-	-	-
Komachi	0	0	13	14	13	12	14	15	15	15	13	11	10	9	-	-	-
Nozomi	5	5	13	7	10	7	7	11	9	9	0	0	0	0	14	16	13
Hayate	8	8	11	12	13	10	11	12	15	15	9	13	8	8	15	14	10
Yamabiko	0	0	11	10	12	7	10	7	9	9	14	9	8	8	6	14	10
Toki	0	0	11	7	8	9	5	7	8	8	6	8	8	8	8	4	6
Tanigawa	0	0	0	8	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	-	4	-
Advance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Total	69	66	113	102	97	94	109	116	114	114	98	94	90	88	92	98	86

Number of students for each class as of October 2020





Teachers / Teacher's aide

All the teachers have formal teaching qualifications or equivalent work experience. 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 October 2020

Class	Students age	No. of Students	Teachers	Teacher's aides
Kodama	3-5 years old	15	1	2
Hayabusa	4-6 years old	14	1	1
Tsubame	5-7 years old	15	1	1
Nozomi	6-8 years old	13	1	1
Hayate	7-9 years old	10	1	—
Yamabiko	8-11 years old	10	1	—
Tanigawa-Toki	10-12 years old	6	1	—
Advance	Over 12 years	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.

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Teaching Program

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. Due to the Covid-19, we divided the class into small group and had online class for Term2 and Term3 in 2020.

Classes and curriculum 2020

Class	Lesson Outline
	Pre-primary classes
Kodama	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Greetings in Japanese• Japanese songs, crafts and games• Practice in holding pencils
Hayabusa	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Learning vocabulary through books and pictures• Recognising students' own names in Japanese
Tsubame	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reading and writing in hiragana• Learning numbers in Japanese• Participation in school events
	Primary stage 1 classes
Nozomi	Using Japanese Kokugo textbooks (Kokugo Kyokasho Year 1 -2)
Hayate	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reading and writing in katakana• Learning kanji• Comprehension of basic sentences• Writing basic sentences• Learning numbers in Japanese• Participation in school events
	Primary stage 2 classes
Yamabiko	Using Japanese Kokugo textbooks (Kokugo Kyokasho Year 2 -)
Toki	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Learning kanji• Comprehension of stories and explanatory material• Creative writing
Tanigawa	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction to researching• Presentations• Units, calendar, clock and money• Participation in school events

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Annual Events

The school organises various events throughout the year. Seasonal festivals are also celebrated so students can experience Japanese culture. Due to the Covid-19, all annual events were cancelled in 2020. The following list is our annual Events at Lewisham Public school.

Events
Term 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Opening ceremony of term 2• Open morning for parents/guardians• Parent-teacher interviews• Tanabata-matsuri (Japanese star festival)• Gakushu Happyou-kai (student performance)• Closing ceremony of term 2
Term 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Opening ceremony of term 3• Open day for prospective students/ parents/ guardians• Sports carnival• Gakushu Happyou-kai (student performance)• Closing ceremony of term 3
Term 4 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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 Hina-matsuri 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 students are divided into the red team or white team. Various events are held such as rajio-taisoo (exercise following radio music and instruction), sprints, novelty races, and team competition of little bean bag throwing to baskets.

Gakushu Happyou-kai (student performance)

Students perform songs, dance and drama etc as an outcome of the term in front of other students and parents/guardians.

Natsu-matsuri (Summer festival)

This event is held after Closing ceremony of Term 4 and enjoyed by children and adults alike. 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).

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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 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.

Since 2017 the school has also invested more time into fundraising aimed at financial stability. The fund is utilised to enrich a variety of events that are held every term. As part of fundraising, the school has organised a Read-a-Thon event, among others.



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

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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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