



23<sup>th</sup> November 2018

Dear Parents and Guardians,

**Japan Study Tour 2019 – Taylors Lakes Secondary College**

It is our pleasure to invite students of Japanese to participate in Taylors Lakes Secondary College's seventh study trip to Japan in October/November 2019. The trip is primarily being made available to students studying Japanese in Years 8, 9 and 10 during 2019. The trip will be for approximately 14 days, during which time students will be immersed into Japanese language and culture. Students will visit the historic city of Kyoto, where they will see traditional Japanese culture and architecture. Students will also travel to Hiroshima and pay a visit to Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park, the legacy of Hiroshima as the first city to be hit by a nuclear bomb, and spend time in Tokyo, one of the world's largest and most technologically advanced cities. We will spend a day in Tokyo Disneyland or Universal Studios Japan as well. The tour will be of similar format to previous years.

The highlight of the tour will be the 6-day homestay in Mito, where students will be billeted with a host family and attend our sister school, Mito Junior High School, which we were fortunate to host at Taylors Lakes this year. Students will be able to experience daily Japanese life, eating Japanese food and participating in regular home and school activities. The homestay will provide students with an invaluable opportunity to extend both their linguistic ability and cultural understanding.

The costing of this trip has not yet been finalised but can be expected to be around \$4500. A more precise costing will be available early next year. The price will include return airfares, all accommodation, most meals, transport whilst travelling in Japan and entry fees to various important sites. Obviously given the costs involved we shall endeavour to have a long-term payment period starting from February 2019. Full payment would be required by the end of August 2019. While costly, it presents with an outstanding opportunity for students.

The maximum number of students to participate will be 15 students. Successful students will be notified by 10 December 2018 and a non-refundable deposit of \$200 is required to be paid by 20<sup>th</sup> December 2018 to hold the placement. Please note that an information session will be held early next year.

If your child is interested in taking part in the program, the attached application form needs to be completed and returned to Leah Shin (room H4) **by Monday 3rd December**. The selection panel will then examine the application form and conduct the interview.

Please feel free to discuss any questions further by contacting the college.

Yours sincerely,

Leah Shin  
Japanese Homestay and Exchange Leader

Danny Dedes  
Principal