



## DATES FOR 2024

### January 15-18 (Mon-Thu)

Intensive Seminar for Junior Secondary Level Teachers

### June 26 (Wed)

Teaching Materials Grant *Application Deadline*

### July 7 (Sun)

Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) (Brisbane, Canberra)

### September 17 (Mon) (TBC)

Presentation Contest (NEW) *Video Entry Deadline*

### September 27 (Fri)

Video Maturi Student Short Film Contest *Entry Deadline*

### November 15-16 (Fri-Sat)

National Symposium on Japanese Language Education

### November 29 (Fri) (TBC)

Training Programs in Japan *Application Deadline*

### December 1 (Sun)

Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) (Adelaide, Brisbane, Melbourne, Perth, Sydney)

(Please note all dates are subject to change.)



## CENTRE VISITS

[jpf.org.au/languages/for-teachers/centre-visits-for-schools](https://jpf.org.au/languages/for-teachers/centre-visits-for-schools)

JPF Sydney offers free excursions and online incursions for school groups.

### ONLINE FUROSHIKI WORKSHOPS

[jpf.org.au/language/for-teachers/centre-visits-for-schools/online-furoshiki-workshops/](https://jpf.org.au/language/for-teachers/centre-visits-for-schools/online-furoshiki-workshops/)

Via video link, students learn about traditional Japanese furoshiki wrapping cloths and wrapping techniques.



## LIBRARY

[jpf.org.au/library](https://jpf.org.au/library)

Residents of Australia can sign up for a free library card (or paid Japan Foundation Membership) to borrow library items. Postal loans are available for paid members. Yomikikase (story time) events are held occasionally for Japanese-speaking children.



## STAY IN TOUCH

### J-TEACHER AND J-LEARNER

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Subscribe to our monthly e-newsletters for Japanese teachers and learners for the latest updates.

### SENSEIS' VOICES

[jpf.org.au/language/for-teachers/senseis-voices](https://jpf.org.au/language/for-teachers/senseis-voices)

This page brings together knowledge, ideas and experiences of Japanese language educators around Australia through various articles.



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## ONLINE RESOURCES

### WEB

#### CLASSROOM RESOURCES

[jpf.org.au/classroom-resources/](http://jpf.org.au/classroom-resources/)

JPF Sydney curates a large collection of classroom resources for teachers, created over more than 20 years.

#### MINATO [minato-jf.jp](http://minato-jf.jp)

'Minato' (literally meaning 'Harbour' is a place for learners to study the Japanese language through online courses, and interact with people from all over the world via online communities.

#### IRODORI JAPANESE ONLINE COURSE

[irodori-online.jpf.go.jp](http://irodori-online.jpf.go.jp)

Learn useful Japanese language for daily life in Japan through videos, illustrations and audio.

#### MARUGOTO PLUS [marugotoweb.jp](http://marugotoweb.jp)

Marugoto Plus is the learning support website for Marugoto, the official textbook of The Japan Foundation, which complies with the JF Standard for Japanese language education.

#### "ERIN'S CHALLENGE! I CAN SPEAK JAPANESE" CONTENTS LIBRARY

[erin.jpf.go.jp/en/](http://erin.jpf.go.jp/en/)

Learn Japanese expressions through TV drama-like skits, manga and more with Erin.

#### JAPANESE IN ANIME AND MANGA [anime-manga.jp](http://anime-manga.jp)

Check out 'School Expressions by Scene', 'School Word Quiz' and 'School Kanji Game' to learn Japanese expressions in a fun way through anime and manga.

#### NIHONGO E な [nihongo-e-na.com](http://nihongo-e-na.com)

This is a great one-stop-shop for the best online Japanese language resources. Also available on iOS and Android.

#### HIROGARU [hirogaru-nihongo.jp](http://hirogaru-nihongo.jp)

Hirogaru is an interactive site for learning about Japan and the Japanese language through various topics of interest to learners.

### APPS

#### CHALLENGE WITH ERIN - JAPANESE LANGUAGE TEST -

[app.erin.ne.jp/en/index.html](http://app.erin.ne.jp/en/index.html)

This app can be used to study beginner-level vocabulary and expressions in an engaging way through card games, manga and quizzes.

#### HIRAGANA / KATAKANA / KANJI MEMORY HINT

[minato-jf.jp/Home/JapaneseApplication](http://minato-jf.jp/Home/JapaneseApplication)

Download apps to study hiragana/katakana/kanji in a fun way using mnemonic pictures.



## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

#### INTENSIVE SEMINAR

[jpf.org.au/languages/for-teachers/professional-development/intensive-seminar](http://jpf.org.au/languages/for-teachers/professional-development/intensive-seminar)

This four day seminar enables teachers to upgrade language proficiency, update teaching practices and network with peers.

#### NATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON JAPANESE LANGUAGE EDUCATION (NSJLE) 2024

[nsjle.org.au](http://nsjle.org.au)

The 6th biennial National Symposium on Japanese Language Education will be held in Sydney on November 15-16, 2024.

#### TRAINING PROGRAMS IN JAPAN

[jpf.org.au/language/for-teachers/grants/](http://jpf.org.au/language/for-teachers/grants/)

In-country professional development opportunities are offered at The Japan Foundation's Japanese language institutes.

Basic Training Program [6 months]

Japanese Language Program [6 weeks]

Comprehensive Japanese Teaching Methods Program [6 weeks]

Language Training for Specialists [2 or 5 months]

#### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SESSIONS

[jpf.org.au/language/for-teachers/professionaldevelopment/pd-opportunities/](http://jpf.org.au/language/for-teachers/professionaldevelopment/pd-opportunities/)

Our language consultants present at Japanese language teachers association conferences and seminars in your region.



## STUDENT CONTESTS

#### PRESENTATION CONTEST (NEW)

[jpf.org.au/languages/for-learners/contests/](http://jpf.org.au/languages/for-learners/contests/)

Presentation skills are indispensable for us to exchange opinions and understand each other. This contest is for Japanese language users to present their messages to a wider audience, not only with languages but also through the latest technology including visual materials.

#### VIDEO MATSURI STUDENT SHORT FILM CONTEST

[jpf.org.au/languages/for-learners/contests/video-matsuri/](http://jpf.org.au/languages/for-learners/contests/video-matsuri/)

Students have the opportunity to create a 3 minute short film showing off their language skills and technical prowess in this fun contest.

NEW: Shorts Division in 2024 (60 second video entries). Signature item: bicycle



## JLPT

[jpf.org.au/languages/for-learners/jlpt](http://jpf.org.au/languages/for-learners/jlpt)

The Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) is an internationally recognised qualification for benchmarking the proficiency of Japanese learners. JLPT will be held in July and December in selected cities around Australia.



## TEACHING MATERIALS GRANTS

[jpf.org.au/languages/for-teachers/grants](http://jpf.org.au/languages/for-teachers/grants)

For schools looking to purchase or upgrade language teaching materials.



## ONLINE COURSES

[jpf.org.au/language/for-learners/japanese-language-courses/e-learning-course/](http://jpf.org.au/language/for-learners/japanese-language-courses/e-learning-course/)

JPF Sydney runs online tutor-supported courses at the beginner, lower elementary and upper elementary levels, over four terms throughout the year. Details available on the website.