DATES FOR 2026

January 12-15 (Mon-Thu)

Intensive Seminar (Junior Secondary)

July 1 (Wed)

Teaching Materials Grants
Application Deadline

July 5 (Sun)

Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT)
(Canberra, Gold Coast, Sydney)

July 9-10 (Thu-Fri)

Intensive Seminar - short version
(Middle Years)

July 20 (Mon)

NihonGo! Presentation Fest
Entry Deadline

September 25 (Fri)

Video Maturi Student Short Film Contest
Entry Deadline

December 1 (Tue) (TBC)

Training Programs in Japan
Application Deadline

December 6 (Sun) (TBC)

Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT)
(Adelaide, Gold Coast, Melbourne (TBC), Perth, Sydney)

(Please note all dates are subject to change)

CENTRE VISITS

sydney.jpf.go.jp/languages/for-teachers/centre-visits-for-schools

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

ONLINE FUROSHIKI WORKSHOPS

sydney.jpf.go.jp/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

sydney.jpf.go.jp/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 NEWSLETTERS

sydney.jpf.go.jp/subscribe

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

SENSEI'S VOICES

sydney.jpf.go.jp/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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THE JAPAN FOUNDATION, SYDNEY

ONLINE RESOURCES

WEB

CLASSROOM RESOURCES

classroomresources.sydney.jpf.go.jp

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

MINATO

minato-jf.jp

'Minato' (literal 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

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

MARUGOTO PLUS

marugotoweb.jp/en/

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

www.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

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/eng/

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

HIROGARU

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 -

www.apperin.jpf.go.jp

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

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

MATERIAL GRANTS

TEACHING MATERIALS GRANT

sydney.jpf.go.jp/language/for-teachers/grants/teaching-materials-grants/

For schools looking to purchase or upgrade language teaching materials.

CONTEST PRIZE SUPPORT

sydney.jpf.go.jp/language/for-teachers/grants/contest-prize-support/

Prize support for institutions looking to hold student contests.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

INTENSIVE SEMINAR

sydney.jpf.go.jp/languages/for-teachers/professional-development/intensive-seminar/

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

NATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON JAPANESE LANGUAGE EDUCATION (NSJLE) 2026

nsjle.org.au

The 7th biennial National Symposium on Japanese Language Education will be held in Melbourne in 2026 at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

TRAINING PROGRAMS IN JAPAN

sydney.jpf.go.jp/language/for-teachers/grants/

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

- Basic Training Program [6m]
- Japanese Language Program [7w]
- Comprehensive Japanese Teaching Methods Program [6w]
- Language Training for Specialists [6m]

STUDENT CONTESTS

NIHONGO! PRESENTATION FEST

sydney.jpf.go.jp/language/for-learners/contests/nihongo-presentation-fest/

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 vidual materials.
Topic: Our Role in Strengthening the Australia–Japan Partnership

VIDEO MATSURI SHORT FILM CONTEST

sydney.jpf.go.jp/language/for-learners/contests/video-matsuri/

Participants have the opportunity to create a short film that showcases their Japanese-language skills and creative process in this fun contest. Entries may be up to three minutes long, or submitted as 60-second short videos. Signature item: Flower

J-COURSE

sydney.jpf.go.jp/language/for-learners/japanese-language-courses/

JPF Sydney runs Japanese language learning courses for adult learners from beginner to advanced levels.
Details are available on our website.