

INTENSIVE SEMINAR APPLICATION GUIDELINES (TEACHERS)

AIMS

Participants will

- develop language skills and increase confidence in using Japanese by working in an immersion environment.
- explore teaching ideas and strategies which they can then apply to their own classrooms in line with the Australian Curriculum.
- build new teacher networks and share ideas and resources.

DATES

January 18-20, 2027 (Monday – Wednesday)

VENUE

The Japan Foundation, Sydney (JPF Sydney)
(Level 4, Central Park Mall, 28 Broadway, Chippendale, NSW, 2008)

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must:

- be an **Australian teacher of Years 3-6** (teachers of Years 7 and 8 may apply) or a **New Zealand teacher of Years 4-8** (teachers of Year 9 may apply).
- be currently teaching Japanese a minimum of 3 hours per week (if you are on leave etc. and not currently teaching but would like to participate, please consult with us beforehand).
- not be a native or near-native Japanese speaker.
- be able to read Hiragana and Katakana without any difficulty.
- be at least JLPT N5 level of Japanese language proficiency.
JLPT sample site here: <https://www.jlpt.jp/e/samples/forlearners.html>
- be able to attend each day in full.

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

This PD is relevant to Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership Limited (AITSL), Australian Professional Standards for Teachers Standard descriptors 2.1, 6.2, 7.4 (Proficient teacher career stage).

REQUIRED PARTICIPANT NUMBERS

Minimum of 10 applications as of November 16, 2026 (Deadline for application submission)

Maximum of 24 participants

COURSE CONTENT

Seminars include the following sessions:

- Language focus
- Teaching ideas
- Culture workshops
- Introduction to JPF resources
- Resource / Idea sharing
- Networking

PRESENTERS

Sessions will be run by the language consultants from JPF Sydney.

TIMELINE

- **Sep 21, 2026:** Applications open.
- **Nov 16, 2026:** Deadline for application submission.
If there are less than 10 applications, the seminar will be cancelled.
- **Dec 7, 2026:** Application outcome notification.
- **Dec 14, 2026:** Successful applicants to confirm their places.
- **Jan 3, 2027:** Deadline for Pre-task submissions.

COSTS

- **Seminar Fees**
No participation fees for this seminar.
- **Travel + Accommodation**
All travel costs (e.g., flights, accommodation, and transport) will be the responsibility of the participants.
- **Meals**
 - JPF Sydney will provide welcome drinks on the first night and morning refreshments each day.
 - All other meals will be the responsibility of the participants.

HOW TO APPLY

Please follow the below steps to apply online:

1. Print out FORM 1 (Handwritten Task) → Fill out **by hand** → Scan → Save as PDF
2. Download FORM 2 (Self-evaluation lists) → Fill out (typing is allowed) → Save as Word format
3. Upload FORM 1 & 2 in the online application form and fill out the remaining details in the link below:
<https://sydney.ipf.go.jp/language/for-teachers/professional-development/intensive-seminar/>
4. Submit **by November 16, 2026** (Application deadline)

Note:

The application will be accepted when both FORM 1 & 2 are uploaded.

An automated confirmation email will be sent right after submission. If you have not received this, please contact us.

TIMETABLE

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	Jan 18 (Mon)	Jan 19 (Tue)	Jan 20 (Wed)	
09:30	9:30-10:40 Orientation Goal setting + Spot test Icebreaking	9:30-9:40 Warm-up		9:30-10:30 ⑦ <i>Monkiri</i> workshop
09:45		9:40-10:50 ④ <i>Washoku</i> and us	9:40-10:50 ④ <i>Washoku</i> and us	
10:00				
10:15				
10:30				
10:45	10:40-11:10 Break	10:50-11:20 Break		11:00-12:00 ⑧ What's new in Japan?
11:00				
11:15	11:10-12:30 ① Activities for the Australian Curriculum	11:20-12:30 ⑤ Talk in Japanese (preparation)		12:00-13:00 Self reflection, evaluation and ceremony
11:30				
11:45				
12:00				
12:15	12:30-13:30 Lunch	12:30-13:30 Lunch		
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13:00	13:30-14:40 ② Classroom Japanese	13:30-14:40 ② Classroom Japanese	13:30-14:50 ⑤ Talk in Japanese	
13:15				
13:30	14:40-15:10 Break		14:30-15:30 Kinokuniya tour (Optional)	
13:45				
14:00	15:10-15:30 JPF grants and projects			
14:15	15:30-16:50 ③ Resource sharing	15:30-16:50 ③ Resource sharing	15:20-16:40 ⑥ <i>Shodo</i>	
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14:45	17:00-18:30 Welcome drinks		18:00-20:00 <i>Tadoku</i> (Optional)	
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Note: Participants must be able to attend each day ***in FULL*** and will receive a certificate of attendance at the end of the seminar.

CONTENT BREAKDOWNS

		カテゴリー Category	タイトル Session Title	コンテンツ Content
月曜日 Monday	①	Teaching ideas	オーストラリアンカリキュラムの アクティビティー Activities for the Australian Curriculum	Explore activities for the Australian Curriculum on the theme of sustainability.
	②	Language focus	教室の日本語 Classroom Japanese	Develop confidence in communicating with students and discuss strategies for promoting the use of Japanese in the classroom.
	③	Resource / idea sharing	リソースシェアリング Teaching ideas and resource sharing	Share and discuss your classroom ideas and resources.
火曜日 Tuesday	④	Topic based Language focus	和食と私たち <i>Washoku</i> and us	Explore Japanese food culture and history through <i>Washoku</i> and discuss different ways of enjoying it.
	⑤	Language focus	にほんごではなそう！ Talk in Japanese! (preparation) Talk in Japanese!	Brush up your conversation skills with native Japanese speakers and develop confidence in speaking Japanese.
	⑥	Culture workshop	しよどう Japanese Calligraphy	Experience a hands-on lesson in Japanese calligraphy and acquire tips and advice on how best to incorporate this practice into your own classroom.
水曜日 Wednesday	⑦	Culture workshop	もんきり <i>Monkiri</i> Japanese paper cutting	<i>Monkiri</i> is a traditional Japanese paper-cutting activity that uses traditional Japanese crest and motif designs. Explore Japanese language and culture through creative <i>monkiri</i> activities.
	⑧	Culture focus	日本のトレンド What's New in Japan?	Learn about new trends in Japan and consider how they can be incorporated into classroom activities.

ENQUIRIES

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