

INTENSIVE SEMINAR APPLICATION GUIDELINES (PRE-SERVICE TEACHERS)

AIMS

Participants will:

- develop language skills and gain 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.
- create new networks.
- learn from current teachers, and about available resources.

DATES

January 12-15, 2026 (Monday – Thursday)

VENUE

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

REQUIRED PARTICIPANT NUMBERS

Minimum of 10 applications as of Oct 27, 2025 (Deadline for application submission)

Minimum of 10 participants as of Nov 24, 2025 (Successful applicants to confirm their places)

Maximum of 24 participants

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must:

- be currently studying in the final year of their teaching course in university towards being a **junior secondary** level Japanese teacher in Australia, or have graduated from a teaching course on a **junior secondary** level in Australia within the past two years and be actively seeking teaching work.
- 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: <http://www.jlpt.jp/e/samples/forlearners.html>.
- be able to attend each day in full.

Note: JPF Sydney will not guarantee that the level is suited to pre-service teachers as the main target is currently-practicing teachers.

COURSE CONTENT

Seminars include the following sessions:

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

PRESENTERS

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

One session will be presented by Ms Junko Nichols, Director of Monash Japanese Language Education Centre (MJLEC) on Day 4.

TIMELINE

- **September 15, 2025:** Applications open
- **October 27, 2025:** Deadline for application submission
If there are less than 10 applications, the seminar will be cancelled
- **November 17, 2025:** Application outcome notification
- **November 24, 2025:** Successful applicants to confirm their places
If there are less than 10 participants, the seminar will be cancelled
- **December 22, 2025:** 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.jpf.go.jp/language/for-teachers/professional-development/intensive-seminar/>
4. Submit **by October 27, 2025** (Application deadline)

Note:

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

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

TIMETABLE

Please note this timetable is subject to change.
A finalised schedule will be distributed on the first day.

	January 12 (Mon)	January 13 (Tue)		January 14 (Wed)	January 15 (Thu)	
9:30	9:30-10:30 Orientation Icebreaking	9:30-11:00 ③ Activities for the Australian curriculum		9:30-10:30 ⑦ Natural Japanese in context	9:30-10:30 ⑩ Furoshiki	9:30-10:30 ⑪ PPT
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10:15	10:30-11:00 Break			10:30-11:00 Break	10:30-11:00 Break	
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11:00	11:00-11:40 Goal setting+Spot test 11:40-12:00 Library orientation	11:00-11:30 Break		11:00-12:30 ⑧ Talk in Japanese! (preparation)	11:00-11:50 ⑫ What's new in Japan?	
11:15		11:30-12:50 ④ Japanese houses	11:30-12:50 ⑤ Colour and Culture		11:50-12:20 ⑬ Advocacy	
11:30					12:20-13:00 Self reflection, Evaluation, Ceremony	
11:45	12:00-13:00 Lunch	12:50-13:50 Lunch		12:30-13:30 Lunch		
12:00						
12:15						
12:30	13:00-14:30 ① Classroom Japanese	13:50-15:10 ⑤ Colour and Culture		13:30-15:00 ⑧ Talk in Japanese!	14:30-15:30 Kinokuniya Tour (optional)	
12:45		13:50-15:10 ④ Japanese houses				
13:00						
13:15	14:30-14:50 Break	15:10-15:40 Break		15:00-15:30 Break		
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14:00	14:50-15:20 JPF grants and projects	15:40-17:10 ⑥ JPF resources		15:30-17:00 ⑨ Shodo		
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14:45	15:20-16:50 ② Teaching idea and resource sharing					
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15:30	17:00-19:00 Welcome drinks	18:00-20:00 Tadoku (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

		コンテンツ Contents	タイトル Session Title	ないよう Content
月曜日 Monday	①	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.
	②	Resource / idea sharing	リソースシェアリング Teaching idea and resource sharing	Share your classroom ideas and resources.
火曜日 Tuesday	③	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.
	④	Topic based Language focus	日本の家 Japanese houses	Explore how traditional and modern Japanese houses reflect the way people live. Then, think about the houses in your own community and what your own home environment might be like in the future.
	⑤	Topic based Language focus	色と文化 Colour and Culture	Colours carry deep cultural meanings that often go unnoticed. Explore the connections between colour and culture, and discover classroom activities based on the theme of colour.
	⑥	Introducing JPF resources	JPFリソースしょうかい JPF resources	Explore JPF's teaching and learning resources and develop ideas to use them in your classroom.
水曜日 Wednesday	⑦	Language focus	しぜんな日本語 Natural Japanese in Context	It's not just about grammar! Revisit your Japanese to enhance natural expression.
	⑧	Language focus	にほんごではなそう！ Talk in Japanese! (preparation) Talk in Japanese!	Work in groups to prepare the interview/discussion session in Japanese in the morning and participate in group interviews/discussion session in the afternoon. Enjoy talking with Japanese guests.
	⑨	Culture workshop	しよどう Japanese Calligraphy	Get ready to create your own calligraphic work of art! Experience a hands-on lesson in Japanese calligraphy and acquire tips and advice on how best to incorporate this practice into your own classroom.
木曜日 Thursday	⑩	Culture workshop	ふろしき Japanese wrapping cloth	Engage with language and culture through activities using furoshiki.
	⑪	ICT workshop	パワーポイントワークショップ PowerPoint for Teachers	Gain experience at using Microsoft PPT animations to make teaching resources interesting, interactive and engaging. The session suited to beginner users.
	⑫	Culture focus	日本のトレンド What's New in Japan?	Learn about new trends in Japan and considering how they can be incorporated into classroom activities.
	⑬	Advocacy	"Advocating for Japanese: Practical Strategies for Schools and Communities" *Special online talk by Ms Junko Nichols, Director of Monash Japanese Language Education Centre (MJLEC)	

ENQUIRIES

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