

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 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 an **Australian teacher of junior secondary levels Y7-9** (teachers of Y5-6 and Y10 may apply) or a **New Zealand teacher of junior secondary levels Y9-10** (teachers of Y7-8 and Y11 may apply) (including a teacher who is going to start teaching at a junior secondary school from 2026).
- 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: <http://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, 2.6, 6.2, 7.4 (Proficient teacher career stage).

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.ipf.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.

An 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	9:30-10:30 ⑩	9:30-10:30 ⑪
9:45				Natural Japanese in context	Furoshiki	PPT
10:00						
10:15						
10:30	10:30-11:00 Break	10:30-11:00 Break				
10:45	Break					
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	
11:15		11:30-12:50 ④ Japanese houses	11:30-12:50 ⑤ Colour and Culture		What's new in Japan?	
11:30					11:50-12:20 ⑬ Advocacy	
11:45		12:00-13:00 Lunch			12:30-13:30 Lunch	12:20-13:00 Self reflection, Evaluation, Ceremony
12:00						
12:15						
12:30						
12:45	13:00-14:30 ① Classroom Japanese	12:50-13:50 Lunch		13:30-15:00 ⑧ Talk in Japanese!		
13:00						
13:15						
13:30						
13:45	14:30-14:50 Break	13:50-15:10 ⑤ Colour and Culture	13:50-15:10 ④ Japanese houses	15:00-15:30 Break	14:30-15:30 Kinokuniya Tour (optional)	
14:00						
14:15						
14:30						
14:45	14:50-15:20 JPF grants and projects	15:10-15:40 Break		15:30-17:00 ⑨ Shodo		
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15:45	15:20-16:50 ② Teaching idea and resource sharing	15:40-17:10 ⑥ JPF resources				
16:00						
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16:45	17:00-19:00 Welcome drinks					
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18:00	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	しょうどう 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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