

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

July 9-10, 2026 (Thursday – Friday)

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 5-9** (teachers of Y10 may apply) or a **New Zealand teacher of Years 6-10**.
- 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.ilpt.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 May 14, 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

- **Mar 19, 2026:** Applications open.
- **May 14, 2026:** Deadline for application submission.
If there are less than 10 applications, the seminar will be cancelled.
- **May 28, 2026:** Application outcome notification.
- **Jun 04, 2026:** Successful applicants to confirm their places.
- **Jun 25, 2026:** 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 May 14, 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.

TRAVEL GRANTS

The Macquarie Japanese Studies Centre (MJS Centre) at Macquarie University, Monash Japanese Language Education Hub (MJLEH) at Monash University, and The Queensland Centre for Japanese Language and Studies (QCJLS) have travel grants that attendees of this seminar may be eligible for. Please note that

- JPF Sydney will communicate with each centre and convey information on successful applicants to this seminar if the applicant desires to obtain the grant.
- JPF Sydney is not liable to the grant itself, and the applicant should communicate and obey the rules and regulations of each centre in applying and finalising the grant individually.
- these travel grants have limited spaces, and it is not guaranteed that all applicants will be accepted.

<ACT, NSW, and WA>

MJS Centre will contact successful applicants who confirmed their attendance after June 4, 2026 for further process.

- **Regional/Interstate Grant (up to AUD \$700):**
For applicants residing more than 2,000km from Sydney (e.g., WA).
- **Local/Interstate Grant (up to AUD \$500):**
For applicants residing within 2,000km of Sydney (e.g., NSW and ACT).

Contact: MJS Centre / arts.mjscentre@mq.edu.au

<SA, TAS, and VIC>

MJLEH can support up to AUD \$500 per a successful applicant, further details can be found here.

<https://sydney.jpf.go.jp/jpf/jpfmedia/2026-Jul-Intensive-Travel-Assistance-MJLEH.pdf>

The application deadline is May 14, 2026.

Contact: MJLEH / arts-mjlec@monash.edu

<QLD and NT>

Teachers from Queensland and the Northern Territory can apply for a Professional Development Grant from QCJLS to cover travel expenses.

The application closing date is March 27, 2026.

<https://www.qpje.org/grant-programs/professional-development-grants-for-japanese-language-teachers/>

Contact: QCJLS / <https://www.qpje.org/contact/>

TIMETABLE

Intensive Seminar 2026 JUL

Please note this timetable is subject to change.

	Jul 9 (Thu)	Jul 10 (Fri)	
09:30	9:30-10:30 Orientation Icebreaking, Goal setting	9:30-9:50 Warm-up	
09:45		9:50-11:00 ⑤ Language focus	9:50-11:00 ⑤ Language focus
10:00	10:30-11:00 Break		
10:15			
10:30	11:00-12:00 ① Classroom Japanese	11:00-11:30 Break	
10:45	11:00-12:00 ① Classroom Japanese	11:30-12:30 ⑥ Talk in Japanese (preparation)	
11:00	12:00-13:00 Lunch		
11:15			
11:30	13:00-14:20 ② Activities for the Australian Curriculum		
11:45			
12:00	14:20-14:40 Break		
12:15	14:40-15:40 ③ Resource sharing		
12:30			
12:45	15:40-16:40 ⑦ What's new in Japan?		
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13:15	15:50-17:10 ④ Shodo		
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13:45	17:30-19:00 Welcome drinks		
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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
木曜日 Thursday	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	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.
	③	Resource / idea sharing	リソースシェアリング Teaching idea and resource sharing	Share and discuss classroom ideas and resources.
	④	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.
金曜日 Friday	⑤	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.
	⑥	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 Japanese.
	⑦	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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