📅 DATES FOR 2025

January 13-16 (Mon-Thu)
Intensive Seminar
  (Primary Level Teachers)

July 2 (Wed)
Teaching Materials Grant
Application Deadline

July 6 (Sun)
Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT)
  (Canberra, Gold Coast, Sydney)

July-August (TBC)
NihonGO! Presentation Fest
Video Entry Deadline

September 26 (Fri)
Video Maturi Student Short Film Contest
  Entry Deadline

September 29-October 2 (Mon-Thu)
Intensive Seminar
  (Junior Secondary Level Teachers)

December 1 (Mon) (TBC)
Training Programs in Japan
  Application Deadline

December 7 (Sun)
Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT)
  (Adelaide, Gold Coast, Melbourne, 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

sydney.jpf.go.jp/subscribe

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

SENSEIS' 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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🌐 ONLINE RESOURCES

WEB

CLASSROOM RESOURCES

sydney.jpf.go.jp/classroom-resources/

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

MINATO   *minato-jf.jp*

'Minato' (literally 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 JAPANAESE 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*

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

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*

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 -

app.erin.ne.jp/en/index.html

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.

🎓 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

INTENSIVE SEMINAR

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

This four day 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 late 2026.

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 [6 months]
Japanese Language Program [6 weeks]
Comprehensive Japanese Teaching Methods Program [6 weeks]
Language Training for Specialists [2 or 5 months]

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SESSIONS

sydney.jpf.go.jp/language/for-teachers/professionaldevelopment/pd-opportunities/

Our language consultants present at Japanese language teachers association conferences and seminars in your region.

🏆 STUDENT CONTESTS

NIHONGO! PRESENTATION FEST

sydney.jpf.go.jp/languages/for-learners/contests/

This contest is for Japanese language users to present their messages to a wider audience, not only with languages but also through the latests technology including visual materials.
Topic: Suggestions for Our Future World

VIDEO MATSURI STUDENT SHORT FILM CONTEST

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

Students have the opportunity to create a short film showing off their language skills and technical prowess in this fun contest, or entries up to 3 minutes.
Shorts Division (60 second video entries).
Signature item: Mirror

📄 JLPT

sydney.jpf.go.jp/languages/for-learners/jlpt

The Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) is an internationally recognised qualification for benchmarking the proficiency of Japanese learners. JLPT will be held in July and December in selected cities around Australia.

💰 TEACHING MATERIALS GRANTS

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

For schools looking to purchase or upgrade language teaching materials.

🌐 ONLINE COURES

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

JPF Sydney runs online tutor-supported courses at the beginner, lower elementary and upper elementary levels, over four terms throughout the year.
Details available on the website.