

## DATES FOR 2025

### January 13-16 (Mon-Thu)

Intensive Seminar (Junior Secondary)

### July 2 (Wed)

Teaching Materials Grants  
*Application Deadline*

### July 6 (Sun)

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

### July 21 (Mon)

NihonGo! Presentation Fest  
*Entry Deadline*

### September 26 (Fri)

Video Maturi Student Short Film Contest  
*Entry Deadline*

### September 29-October 2 (Mon-Thu)

Intensive Seminar (Junior Secondary)

### December 1 (Fri) (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](https://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/](https://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](https://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-LEANER

[sydney.jpf.go.jp/subscribe](https://sydney.jpf.go.jp/subscribe)

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

### SENSEI'S VOICES

[sydney.jpf.go.jp/language/for-teachers/senseis-voices/](https://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/](https://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](https://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 JAPANESE ONLINE COURSE

[irodori-online.jpf.go.jp](https://irodori-online.jpf.go.jp)

Learn useful Japanese language for daily life in Japan through videos, illustrations and audio.

#### MARUGOTO PLUS [marugotoweb.jp](https://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

[www.erin.jpf.go.jp/en/](https://www.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](https://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](https://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](https://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 -

[www.apperin.jpf.go.jp](https://www.apperin.jpf.go.jp)

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](https://minato-jf.jp/Home/JapaneseApplication)

Download apps to study hiragana/katakana/kanji in a fun way using mnemonic pictures.

## TEACHING MATERIALS GRANT

[sydney.jpf.go.jp/language/for-teachers/grants/teaching-materials-grants/](https://sydney.jpf.go.jp/language/for-teachers/grants/teaching-materials-grants/)

For schools looking to purchase or upgrade language teaching materials.

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

#### INTENSIVE SEMINAR

[sydney.jpf.go.jp/languages/for-teachers/professional-development/intensive-seminar](https://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](https://nsjle.org.au)

The 7th biennial National Symposium on Japanese Language Education will be held in Melbourne in 2026.

#### TRAINING PROGRAMS IN JAPAN

[sydney.jpf.go.jp/language/for-teachers/grants/](https://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/professional-development/pd-opportunities/](https://sydney.jpf.go.jp/language/for-teachers/professional-development/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/language/for-learners/contests/nihongo-presentation-fest/](https://sydney.jpf.go.jp/language/for-learners/contests/nihongo-presentation-fest/)

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

#### VIDEO MATSURI STUDENT SHORT FILM CONTEST

[sydney.jpf.go.jp/language/for-learners/contests/video-matsuri/](https://sydney.jpf.go.jp/language/for-learners/contests/video-matsuri/)

Students have the opportunity to create a short film showing off their language skills and technical process in this fun contest for entries up to 3 minutes or 60 second shorts video entries.

Signature item: Mirror

## J-COURSES

[sydney.jpf.go.jp/language/for-learners/japanese-language-courses/](https://sydney.jpf.go.jp/language/for-learners/japanese-language-courses/)

JPF Sydney runs Japanese language learning courses to adults learners from beginner to advanced levels. Details available on the website.