

# IFS/ITS Cultural and Sports Tour of Japan 2015

## Expression Of Interest

Dear Parent/ Caregiver,

We are pleased to be able to offer an exciting opportunity for students to learn about Japan first hand by combining a cultural tour with international sporting experience. Students will play either football or tennis matches against Japanese students from sports focused Junior High Schools.

Japan is an exotic, exciting country, with friendly, polite people and a unique culture. It is a land of contrasts, ancient temples and castles and the latest technology. Students will encounter many cultural differences as they sleep on traditional futon bedding, take a bath Japanese style and eat typical Japanese food.

**When:** Travel Period will be October school holidays: Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> to Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October

**Duration:** 10 days

**Cost:** The anticipated cost of the excursion will be around \$4,000 plus spending and lunch/dinner money. This costing includes airfares and taxes, travel insurance, airport transfers within Japan, all accommodation including daily breakfast, all rail transport within Japan including the bullet train, entrance into Disneyland and museums and any other attractions, full day sightseeing tour of Kyoto including lunch and some group dinners. Unfortunately, it is not possible to use frequent flyer points for this excursion. The exact cost of the tour cannot be fully determined until numbers are confirmed.

If you would like your child to participate in this exciting opportunity to tour Japan then **please reply to this email and include your child's name to notify us of your interest.** Registrations will close on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June at 4pm.

As there are limited places we encourage you to register early. Please note that staff will consider all registered interest and offer places to students. Students selected MUST have demonstrated a mature and responsible attitude in their school environment .

Students who are successful in gaining a place on the 2015 trip will be notified by email on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June and we will request that a deposit be paid to hold your child's place and allow for air flights to be booked at the best price. We encourage you to apply for your passport without delay if your child does not yet have one.

In the next few weeks as numbers are confirmed with deposits paid, itinerary will be finalised and final costs will be worked out. We will inform all families of the full payment which will need to be paid to the school shortly there after. Cancellations often mean a change in costs to other students so refunds are not an option.

We look forward from hearing from you and in return offering your child a place to join us in Japan.

Kind Regards

Suzanne Jeffree - Japanese Teacher

Laura Roberts – Principal

## Japan 2015-Proposed Itinerary

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location &amp; Activity AM</b>	<b>Location &amp; Activity PM</b>	<b>Details</b>
1st October (Thursday)		Meet at Sydney International Airport Group Check in Depart Sydney	Departing Flight Qantas: Depart Syd: 8:40pm Arrive Osaka: 11:15am
2nd October (Friday)	Arrive Osaka Transfer to Shinkansen destination: Hiroshima	Arrive Hiroshima: Hotel Check in Sightseeing in Hiroshima Mazda Factory	
3rd October (Saturday)	Peace Park	Miyajima – Lesson on Japanese Cooking J1-League Hiroshima Sanfrecce V FC Tokyo	
4th October (Sunday)	Hotel Check out Luggage sent to Hotel in Kyoto  Football game v Hiroshima minami Junior High School  Tennis matches v Hiroshima minami Junior High School  Shinkansen Depart Hiroshima	Stop in Himeji  Visit Himeji Jyo (Castle) Dress in Traditional clothing View Traditional Tea ceremony  Depart Himeji Arrive Kyoto Hotel Check in	
5th October (Monday)	Day Trip Osaka via shinkansen <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Universal Studios Japan</li> </ul>	Visit Momofukuando Ramen Museum Visit – Osaka Dotonburi Return to Kyoto via Shinansen	
6th October (Tuesday)	Kyoto Day Trip <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kinkakuji</li> <li>• Lunch</li> <li>• Ni jo</li> <li>• Kyomizudera</li> </ul>	Arashiyama (Traditional town) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• bike ride through bamboo groves</li> <li>• visit Iwatayama - Cormorant Fishing</li> </ul>	
7th October (Wednesday)	Hotel Check out Depart Kyoto Transfer to Shinkansen Destination: Tokyo Hotel Check in Sight see Tokyo	Lego world  Sunset at Skye Tree	
8th October (Thursday)	Visit Teikyo Junior High  Football Match V Teikyo Junior High Tennis Matches V Teikyo Junior High	Sumo Museum	
9th October (Friday)	Visit Sister School in Edogawa  Football Match V Edogawa Junior High School  Tennis Matches V Edogawa Junior High School	Shopping	
10th October (Saturday)	Hotel Check out Luggage Transfer to Airport  Disney Land	Arrive Narita International Airport Depart Narita International Airport	Jetstar Depart Tokyo Narita: 8:20pm Arrive: Syd: 10:40am
11 <sup>th</sup> October (Sunday)	Arrive Sydney Airport 10:40am		