

## St Edward's College

### Proposed trip to Japan 2019

**Dates:** Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September – Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2019

**Eligibility:** Any member of the St Edward's community, including students, staff and parents. Students in Years 7 & 8 would need to be accompanied by a parent or adult guardian. *(Priority will be given to students and parents who have hosted Japanese students.)*



**Key features of the program:** *Please see attached itinerary*

- 10 day program
- Students have 4 nights of homestay with Seigakuin families, (days 2 – 5) then stay in hotels, in a multi-share situation with other students (days 6 – 9). No adults share with students. Adults will be in hotels, in a twin-share situation.
- Students spend a full weekend with their host family and then attend school for one day, on Monday. Tuesday is a public holiday, so students would have an additional day with their host family.
- Adults do sightseeing in Tokyo while students are at school, except for supervising teachers who remain with students while they are at school.
- The whole group of adults and students enjoys sightseeing together in and around Kyoto for 4 days. (days 6 – 9)

#### Highlights of the program:

- **The return visit, by St Edward's College, to Seigakuin High School**, which has been part of the annual program at St Edward's College for 25 years.
- **Tokyo sightseeing**, visiting such sites around Tokyo city in our chartered coach.
- **Kyoto sightseeing**, visiting such sites as The Golden Pavilion, The Silver Pavilion, Gion, Kiyomizudera Temple.
- **Hiroshima** visiting Peace Memorial Park, Peace Memorial Museum and Atomic-bomb Dome



**Cost:** The estimated cost of this trip (based on a quote for 10 students and 15 adults) would be:

**Students:** \$3900

**Adults:** \$4300

*Please note that the cost of the tour may change. It is dependant on the number of travellers, the exchange rate etc. Every effort will be made to keep the cost as close to the quoted price as possible. Please allow a contingency of approximately \$200 on the estimated quote.*

#### Included in cost:

The quoted price would include return airfares, all inclusions on the itinerary provided by Asahi Travel below, the Japan Rail pass (for all train travel in Japan) and travel insurance with EREA.

#### Not included:

Meals which are not part of the itinerary / Drinks / Spending money (I would estimate that students would need approximately \$300 spending money unless they wish to do a *lot* of souvenir buying!)

### Subsidised trips

Students who have hosted a Japanese student previously will be eligible for a \$500 subsidy of their trip. Please make this known, on your traveller information form, that you have hosted a Japanese student previously. Please give details of the Japanese student's name/names and the year /years of your hosting.

### Scholarships

There will be **two scholarships available**, for two students who have demonstrated outstanding commitment to the program in past years. **These scholarships will pay for half of the tour cost for each student.**

Interested students should email an expression of interest, demonstrating their commitment to the Seigakuin homestay program, to Mrs Papeix:

[ppapeix@stedwards.nsw.edu.au](mailto:ppapeix@stedwards.nsw.edu.au).

**The expressions of interest should be received no later than Wed 20<sup>th</sup> March.** Every application will be reviewed by the Principal, Mr Bonnici and by the Program Coordinator, Mrs Papeix. All applicants will be notified of the outcome of the application by Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> March.

### Organisational Time Frame:

***Note that due to the Rugby World Cup in Japan, from 20<sup>th</sup> September, availability of airfares and accommodation is limited. Therefore we have a VERY short time frame to confirm this trip.***

**Term 1 Week 8: Information night on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March in the ERC Foyer at 7pm.**

**Term 1 Week 9: Deposit of \$500 per traveller due by Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March.** Please make a **cheque** payable to St Edward's College Japan Trip and forward to Mrs Papeix **with the completed traveller information form attached.**

**Term 1 Week 9:** Decision will be made on whether the trip will go ahead. The decision will depend on the number of deposits. If not enough travellers, all deposits will be returned. **All travellers, who have paid the deposit, will be notified, by email, by Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March, as to whether the Japan trip will be going ahead. Deposits then become non-refundable. If there are not enough deposits for the trip to proceed, all cheques will be returned the following week.**

Please direct any inquiries to:

[ppapeix@stedwards.nsw.edu.au](mailto:ppapeix@stedwards.nsw.edu.au)

**I look forward to seeing any interested travellers at the meeting on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm in the ERC Foyer at St Edward's.**

Arigatoo gozaimasu!

Pat Papeix

**DRAFT ITINERARY St. Edward's College Tour of Japan**

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September – Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October**

**25 pax (10 students & 3 teachers & 12 adults)**

Day	DD/MM/YY (DAY)	City	Dep · Arr.	Transport	Local Time	Schedule  【Meal, Stay】
1	27/09/2019 (Fri)	Sydney	Dep ·	Plane	p.m.  TBC	Depart Sydney for Tokyo  【All -: -: F/ On Board】
2	28/09/2019 (Sat)	Tokyo	Arr.	Chartered bus	a.m  TBC	Arrive at Tokyo International Airport. Tokyo City Sightseeing (Asakusa, Tokyo Skytree) Arrive at Seigakin High School, Commences homestay 【Students: F:x:D / Homestay 1】 【Adults: F:x:D / Tokyo】
3	29/09/2019 (Sun)				All day	Students - Spend a time with the host family Guardians – Tokyo City Sightseeing  【Students: B:L:D / Homestay 2】 【Adults: B:x:D/ Tokyo】
4	30/09/2019 (Mon)				All day	Students - School Program at Seigakuin High School Guardians – Tokyo City Sightseeing  【Students: B:L:D / Homestay 3】 【Adults: B:x:D / Tokyo】
5	01/10/2019 (Tue)  Public holiday				All day	Students - School is closed as Public Holiday Spend a time with the host family Guardians – Tokyo City Sightseeing 【Students: B:L:D / Homestay 4】 【Adults: B:x:D / Tokyo】
6	02/10/2019 (Wed)	Tokyo  Kyoto	Dep · Arr.	JR Shinkansen  (JR Rail Pass)	a.m.  p.m.	Tokyo City Sightseeing, Travel to JR Tokyo Station [Suitcases are sent to Kansai Int'l Airport by courier] Travel to Kyoto from Tokyo by JR Shinkansen Arrival at JR Kyoto Station, Check-in at Hotel 【Students & Adults::B:L:D / Kyoto: Kyoto Tower Hotel 1 】
7	03/10/2019 (Thu)			Chartered bus	All day	Kyoto City Sightseeing (The Golden Pavilion, The Silver Pavilion, Gion, Kiyomizudera Temple)  【Students & Adults::B:L:D / Kyoto: Kyoto Tower Hotel 2】

8	04/10/2019 (Fri)	Kyoto Hiroshima Hiroshima Kyoto	Dep . Arr. Dep . Arr.	JR Shinkansen (JR Rail Pass)	a.m.  p.m.	Day Trip to Hiroshima from Kyoto by JR Shinkansen Visit Peace Memorial Park, Peace Memorial Museum and Atomic-bomb Dome etc. Return to Kyoto by JR Shinkansen 【Students & Adults::B:L:D / Kyoto: Kyoto Tower Hotel 3】
9	05/10/2019 (Sat)	Kyoto Osaka Kansai (KIX)	Dep . Arr. Dep .	Train (JR Rail Pass)	p.m.  TBC	Travel to Osaka, Osaka City Sightseeing Travel to Kansai International Airport Flight departs at Kansai for Sydney 【Students & Adults::B:x:F / On Board】
10	06/10/2019 (Sun)	Sydney	Arr.		a.m  TBC	Flight arrives at Sydney Airport.

Transportation and times may change.

\*Symbols for the meals: F=Flight meal, B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner, x=Not included.

\*Hotel: Sunshine City Prince Hotel in Tokyo, Kyoto Tower Hotel in Kyoto

TBC =To be confirmed

**Made by Asahi Travel International, Tokyo Japan**

**Traveller Information Form below.**

## **Japan 2019 Traveller Information Form**

**Surname**(as it appears on passport):

**First names**(as they appear on passport):

**Date of birth**(as it appears on passport):

**Nationality**(as it appears on passport):

**Passport number of traveller:**

**Contact phone number of traveller:**

**Contact email address of traveller:**

**School year (if student):**

**Name of guardian (if student):**

**Contact phone number of guardian:**

**Contact email address of guardian:**

**Japanese students hosted (include the year /years):**