

February 2025

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The College has received an invitation from the Osaka Parents and Teachers Association to participate in their Exchange Program in September this year.

As part of this program 15 Mornington Secondary College students from year 8-11 are invited to visit Japan.

While in Japan the students will be ambassadors of Melbourne, the sister city of Osaka, Japan. Each student will be staying with a Japanese host family selected by the Osaka PTA and will attend a Junior High School.

The date of departure from Melbourne is Saturday 13th September and the departure date from Japan is Saturday 27th September (times for departure and arrival to be confirmed).

The estimated cost of the trip is \$3,900, which includes airfare, insurance, internal travel, sightseeing excursions and extra activities. There is no cost for the main accommodation and meals provided by the host family. Please be aware that this is the estimated cost, as we are currently negotiating airfares, and our aim is to secure the best possible deal for families.

A passport will be required. While the itinerary is still to be finalised, we have been advised that it will include a trip to Hiroshima, including overnight accommodation. Families are advised that students will also require some spending money for souvenirs etc, and that on some days students will be required to have some money for lunch and or snacks.

Our experience of the past is that the Osaka PTA and the host families ensure that the students are extremely well looked after and provide a wealth of rewarding experiences for our students at no cost to them.

Mornington Secondary College selection criteria will apply to all applicants: preference will be given to those students currently undertaking the study of Japanese and have taken part in the Osaka exchange program, having hosted a Japanese student from Osaka in 2024. Most importantly, each student must be able to demonstrate that they will be a worthy representative of the College and can capably fulfil the role of goodwill ambassador for Melbourne City.

A parent information evening will be held on Wednesday 5th March from 6pm-7pm, in at Mornington Secondary College.

After this information night, a non-refundable deposit of \$500 will need to be paid by Friday 28th March.

A payment plan is in the process of being finalised, and information regarding this will be distributed shortly.



Mornington Secondary College

If you are interested in your child participating in this Japanese Exchange Program, please click on the following link to register your interest.

[Osaka Exchange Program 2025](#)

If you would like additional information you are most welcome to contact Mel Brindle (Japanese Teacher) on 5970 0200 or Melanie.Brindle@education.vic.gov.au

Yours faithfully,

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