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## Student Youth Delegation to Japan Information and Application Pack

Campbelltown's 15 students and 2 leaders will fly with ANA Airlines during the September school holiday period.

Depart Sydney on Sunday 29 September 2024 on ANA flight NH880 at 20:55 (8:55pm), arriving into Tokyo (Haneda Airport) at 05:45 (5:45am) on Monday 30 September 2024.

Depart Tokyo (Haneda Airport) on Friday 11 October 2024 on ANA flight NH879 at 22:45 (10:45pm), arriving into Sydney at 10:25 (10:25am) on Saturday 12 October 2024.

**Please read the two questions below carefully to see if you meet the application criteria before printing this application**

You must answer **YES** to the two questions below to be eligible to apply for the student delegation.

1. Do you live in the Campbelltown City Council local government area?
2. Will you be aged 14 to 18 and still at school at the time the delegation departs Sydney?

**If you answer Yes to both questions you are eligible to apply. Please read and complete the application.**

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## Student Application Checklist

Use this checklist to ensure all the required information is completed so your application can be accepted and processed promptly.

### Application Form

- Full name and address
- If you have a passport – provide the passport details and a photo of the personal details page. If you are selected but don't yet have a passport, you will need to apply for a passport.
- Current email and phone number/s
- Parent/guardian details
- Siblings and school details
- Hobbies and sporting interests noted
- Noted the criteria for selection
- You and your parents or guardians have signed the authority form

### Personal Essay Form

- You have completed the essay, and it is your own work
- The essay is neatly written using a pen or typed (at least one page but not more than 2 pages)
- You have signed your essay

### School Recommendation Form

- Completed form ensuring all fields have been filled in correctly
- Your Year Advisor and/or your Principal have signed the form.

When you send the application please ensure the following documents are enclosed:

- Student application form.
- Personal essay.
- School recommendation form.

## **Applications close at 5.30pm on Wednesday 22 May 2024**

To submit your application, either:

1. Scan and email your completed application and attachments to:  
[secretary@cksca.org.au](mailto:secretary@cksca.org.au)  
with the subject heading: Application for Student Youth delegation
2. Mail to: Secretary CKSCA  
Application for Student Youth delegation  
P.O. Box 626  
CAMPBELLTOWN NSW 2560

If you have any questions please contact the Secretary by email [secretary@cksca.org.au](mailto:secretary@cksca.org.au) or call Veronica on 0417 780 422



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## Information Regarding September 2024 Youth Delegation to Koshigaya, Japan

With the support of Campbelltown City Council, we are able to offer a student youth delegation to our sister city, Koshigaya, in Japan. The youth delegation is held in the September school holiday period.

### **Here are some basic criteria you must meet before you can apply:**

1. Applicants must be aged from 14 to 18 at the time the delegation departs Sydney.
2. Applicants must live within the boundaries of the Campbelltown Local Government Area.
3. Applicants must show a willingness to adjust to a different lifestyle/culture while in Japan. A genuine interest in Japan and its culture is desirable.
4. Applicants must be able to eat and enjoy basic Japanese cuisine.
5. Applicants should demonstrate a reasonable knowledge of Campbelltown and Australia (places of interest and history), as applicants act as ambassadors and contribute to the ongoing success of the exchange program.
6. Applicants should demonstrate an understanding of how to support others in the group travelling to Japan.
7. A willingness to work harmoniously within a group situation while the delegation prepares for the trip and during the trip.
8. Successful applicants will need to provide a medical clearance from their family doctor which is to be provided after selection.
9. Successful applicants must be able to participate in the full exchange program (see below)

Only 15 students are selected for each delegation. Two adult leaders will accompany and supervise the delegation at all times. Leaders apply and are also selected based on their suitability, experience with youth and international travel. Everybody in the delegation will be an Ambassador for Campbelltown.

The process for being accepted as a member of the delegation to Koshigaya is as follows:

- Submission of a completed application, which includes the application form, school recommendation form and a personal essay.
- Attend a selection interview at Campbelltown Council Training Rooms. (All applicants receive an interview)
- Be selected as a member of the delegation
- Agree to **attend all Orientation nights** and to sign the acceptance, withdrawal policy and payment plan forms.

The cost of the 2024 September delegation is \$1,900 for each student. This subsidized cost includes the airfare, travel insurance, delegation uniform, most aspects of the orientation process and \$AU300 in spending money for each student. On arrival into Japan, the \$300 is given to each student in 3 instalments by the leaders.



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The accommodation while in Koshigaya is home-stay. Each student and leader is billeted to a family who live in Koshigaya. Hosting Australian students is very prestigious for them.

The itinerary while the students and leaders are in Japan is set by Koshigaya International Association staff. The trip usually includes a school visit, cultural experiences, shopping opportunities, an overnight trip and a day at Tokyo Disneyland.

The students from Campbelltown will be welcomed at a mayoral ceremony in Koshigaya. During the lead up activities for the trip, the students will prepare a culturally-relevant performance which will be performed at the mayoral reception and at one or two other times during the trip.

**Key dates for this delegation are as follows (the dates will be confirmed at interview).** The selected students must attend all sessions.

- **Interviews for students who apply for the delegation** – to be held on Saturday 1 June and Sunday 2 June 2024
- **Student orientation and preparation sessions** – from late June on Friday evenings and the occasional Saturday – these sessions are held at Council facilities
- **Attend the Campbelltown Mayoral Reception** to welcome the students coming from Koshigaya to Campbelltown in late July this year.
- **Attend the Campbelltown Mayoral Reception** for our student group going to Koshigaya (expected to be around mid September)
- **Sunday 29 September** - depart for Koshigaya. **Saturday 12 October** - arrive back in Sydney
- **Late October** (date to be confirmed) - The delegation regroups to share experiences and story-telling.

These dates and locations may change. If there are changes, we will endeavor to have them amended in the schedule provided at the first orientation session.

I really encourage students aged from 14 - 18 years to apply for this very unique and special opportunity to visit and experience Koshigaya and Japan with other students.

If you have any questions regarding the application process, the orientation program or the trip itself, please contact Veronica at [secretary@cksca.org.au](mailto:secretary@cksca.org.au)

Regards

Terry Crotty  
President  
Campbelltown – Koshigaya Sister Cities Association



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**Application Form - Student Youth Delegation  
29 September to 12 October 2024**

**MUST**  
Insert Passport  
Size Photo Here

Applicant's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred first name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (incl suburb): \_\_\_\_\_ Post code \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No: (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile \_\_\_\_\_

Student's email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of School you attend: \_\_\_\_\_ Which Year are you in? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you hold a current passport? YES / NO if Yes, Passport No: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiry date: \_\_\_\_\_ Country of Issue: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Hobbies: \_\_\_\_\_

Sporting Interests: \_\_\_\_\_

Musical or Artistic Interests: \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/guardian 1 name** \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/guardian 2 name** \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Family Composition: (Living at Home)

Siblings (male): Names / Ages \_\_\_\_\_

Siblings (female): Names / Ages \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature/s of Parent/Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



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- Successful applicants will need to provide a medical certificate to show suitability for international travel from their family doctor.
- Each successful student must participate in the full student delegation program. See information sheet for full details.
- All applicants will be assessed on the above criteria, as well as their verbal communication skills and their general attitude towards the program.
- The interviewing panel recognises that applicants may be nervous or anxious during the interview and allowances will be made for such instances.
- Applicants should feel free to ask questions during the interview.
- It is anticipated that the interview will take approximately 20 - 25 minutes. Following the interview, parents will be given the opportunity to speak with the interviewing panel for a short time.
- Applicants will be advised of the result of the selection process within 2 weeks of the interview.
- A series of orientation meetings is planned to prepare the delegation for their adventure to Japan.
- If selected, applicants are required to attend **ALL** orientation meetings and the storytelling night upon return.

### A completed application will contain:

- Completed and signed **Application Form** with PASSPORT size photo affixed
- Personal Essay** written by the applicant
- School Recommendation Form**, signed by *Year Advisor and/or the Principal*.

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