



FUKUROI SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL 2026 VISIT

The College was delighted to welcome a cohort from one of our Japanese sister schools, Fukuroi Senior High School. After a 4 year gap between visits, this year we welcome 16 students to our community, along with 2 English teachers and their enthusiasm and joy in visiting Australia was vast.



Fukuroi students had an opportunity to interact with Year 9, 10 and 11 elective Japanese students, beginning with an orientation tour of the College, using online dictionaries to guide their Japanese explanations of our facilities. The group attended a small Welcome Ceremony, with Samarth P from Year 10 welcoming the group with a speech in Japanese. Mrs Easton also welcomed Fukuroi and gifts were exchanged between the two schools.

On the second day of the visit, Fukuroi students buddied up with Thomas Hassall buddies and then attended classes with them all day. Students attend PC where some were able to give brief introductions in English. An array of subjects then ensued, with some students joining in PDHPE practical lessons while others sat in on Science, English and Maths classes. Recess and lunch were spent chatting with students in the Senior School.



The final school day with the College involved a trip to Sydney Zoo. Students saw an array of Australian animals, as well as some from around the world. Much time was spent purchasing some Aussie gifts, including cute koala toys. Students attended workshops after lunch. Miss Roots guided students in an Australian art making class producing beautiful handcrafted Australian wildlife cards. Miss Georges showed students how to make damper and lamingtons. These were excitedly taste-tested, along with toasted bread with butter and Vegemite, and a cold cup of Milo. Popcorn provided a way for students to experience some indigenous flavours, with various spices sprinkled over the top.

The Fukuroi students enjoyed home stays with some of our College families visiting the Blue Mountains, Sydney Harbour, Luna Park and The Rocks. Many of the students commented on how much they enjoyed being part of an authentic Australian family during their stay. The Fukuroi teachers spent a day touring around Sydney City, walking over the Harbour Bridge, visiting Mrs Macquarie's Chair and the Opera House.

Finally, we farewelled the group as they then embarked on a tour of the city of Sydney before flying back to Japan.

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