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This week, Year 9 Japanese students had the opportunity to immerse themselves in Japanese language and culture. Students from the College visited the Nihongo Tanken Centre (Japanese Experience Centre), a purpose-built Japanese-style building, in the grounds of Kirrawee High School, featuring tatami rooms, paper sliding doors and a traditional Japanese garden.

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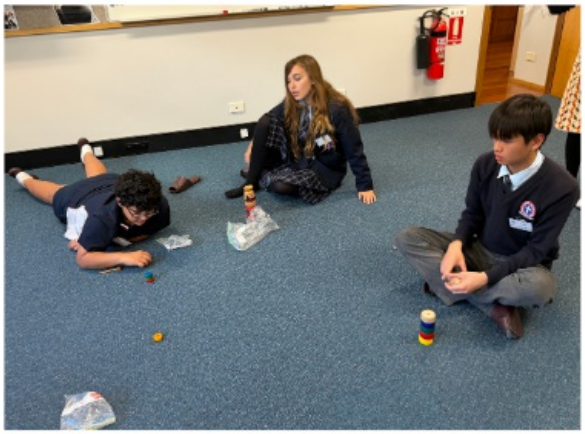




Chika Sensei and Miyako Sensei started the visit by explaining and demonstrating the etiquette of entering and moving about in a Japanese house, using only Japanese. Working in four groups representing the four seasons, the slipper-clad students participated in games to enhance their understanding of the language they have been learning at College and test their knowledge of the hiragana and katakana writing systems. A short break for morning tea enabled students to taste some Japanese rice crackers and discover more features of the Japanese garden. Students fully explored the garden to eat a bento lunch before bringing all the day's activities together in a final quiz as well as the challenge of kendama and daruma-otoshi games.

Chika and Miyako spoke only Japanese all day, challenging our students to grow in their listening and speaking skills. Well done Year 9 Japanese students and thank you to the Nihongo Tanken Centre for a wonderful excursion.

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