

Dear Parent/Carer,

The following details relate to a proposed overseas excursion to Japan which for students in Years 7 – 10 in the 2020 classes.

Please note that this information relates to a **proposed overseas excursion** which has approval from the School Executive, Principal and School Board. Proposals for overseas excursions require Directorate approval. The purpose of this letter is to assess parent/carer interest in the **proposed overseas excursion**. By indicating interest in the **proposed overseas excursion**, you are making no commitment for your child to participate, at this stage.

Excursion overview:

- Teacher-in-charge: Mr Hugo Walker
- Teacher team members: Mrs Deb Gordon & Ms Bek Evans

Date	Location	Notable Activities
21/09	Canberra	Depart Australia – meet at Canberra Airport at 21:00.
22/09	Nara	Arrive in Japan! Travel to Nara.
23/09		Tour around Nara with Host School and meet host families and start homestay.
24/09		Tomio Daisan School and stay with host families.
25/09		Tomio Daisan School and stay with host families.
26/09		Travel to Hiroshima.
27/09	Hiroshima	Hiroshima Peace Park & Museum and Hiroshima Castle.
28/09		Miyajima Island.
29/09		Travel to Kyoto and visit Fushimi Inari and the Nishiki Markets.
30/09	Kyoto	Sightseeing tour of Kyoto including Ryoanji, Kinkakuji and Nijojo.
01/10		Travel to Tokyo and visit Tokyo Sky Tree.
02/10	Tokyo	Disneyland Tokyo.
03/10		Return to Australia.
04/10	Canberra	Arrive in Sydney, transfer to Canberra. Pick up approximately 11:00pm.

- The purpose of the excursion is to provide an opportunity for students to have an immersion experience in Japan of language, culture, food, history and schooling.
- Means of transport include: flights to and from Japan, coach transfers to Nara on arrival and to Tokyo (Haneda airport) on departure as well as Shinkansen (Bullet Train) travel between major cities as well as trams (Hiroshima), a guided tour of Kyoto in a coach and subway trains (Tokyo) for transport to venues in those cities. All activities will be supervised by Harrison School staff and parent helpers (if some parents choose to take part in the trip).
- Accommodation will usually be in hotels on a **triple** share arrangement (this reduces hotel accommodation costs). Groups of boys and groups of girls will be buddied prior to departure. While in Nara, students (**in pairs**) will be billeted with homestay families arranged by our sister school, **Tomio Daisan**.
- Allowing for variations which might be caused by changes in the exchange rate between the Australian dollar and the Japanese Yen, the expected cost is anticipated to be between \$3,800 and \$4,000 per person. This includes major transport and all hotel breakfasts and a few other meals. Students will need to bring some money of their own for some lunches and most dinners as well as tram and subway fares and some venue entry fees.
- Please note: **Fundraising** activities will be run by students, parents and staff. Any money raised will be distributed fairly amongst the families whose children are going on the trip. We hope to run several successful fundraising events to reduce the overall cost per person. Successful fundraising has happened in the lead up to previous overseas excursions.

Please indicate interest in your child participating in the proposed overseas excursion by completing the slip below and returning it to the **Harrison School Senior Office** marked "**Attention Hugo Walker**" no later than **Thursday 8 August 2019**.

Yours sincerely,

Principal's name: _____ (Please print)

Signature _____

Date _____

Please use the attached page return slip and deliver it to the Senior Office:

PROPOSAL FOR OVERSEAS EXCURSION: INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Dear Hugo,

I have read the note relating to the proposed overseas excursion to Japan

I am interested/not interested (circle one) in my child _____ in Grade ____ (2020) participating in the proposed overseas excursion.

I understand that the proposed overseas excursion has not yet received directorate approval.

I understand that this expression of interest does not commit me to participation in the proposed overseas excursion.

Parents name: _____ (Please print)

Signature _____

Date _____

The Education Directorate (the Directorate) is collecting the information on this form to gauge the level of interest in the proposed overseas excursion. The Directorate does not usually give this information to any third parties.