

My Time at Showa Junior High School started off with class 1.1 despite being nervous. They were very accepting and they made me feel comfortable and that I belonged. I spent 4 weeks with class one and I thoroughly enjoyed this experience with them attending all classes and participating in Judo for P.E. Then I joined Class two and did gymnastics for P.E. One of my favourite things about this school is how nice all the children are and the absence of bullying unlike Australia. Another one of my favourite things about this school is the lunches. I was always very excited to see what food I would be eating, and to participate in the jun ken poi competitions for extra food, my favourite lunch was definitely the Japanese curry. Some interesting things about this school is that each grade has different uniforms where in Australia the whole school has the same uniform and our schools go from grade seven to twelve, also in Australia we do not use chalkboards anymore instead we use either whiteboard or a projector screen and most of the school work is done on our own computers that we bring to the school. I have some amazing memories from this school including the time when there was lots of snow and everybody went outside and had a snowball fight. I spent a large amount of time with the school judo team and participated in many training sessions with them. Including the time when we went to Maebashi and did a very large judo training session. My favourite part of the day was always the judo even though we had to do lots and lots of pushups. My judo training in Australia is very different from Showa's. In Australia we only train three times a week compared to Showa's five times. Also kids in Australia tend to play multiple sports rather than stick to one. Another thing that is different is the schools. In Australia we have 7-8 hour days with two 15-45 minute breaks, during the breaks you are allowed to go anywhere in the school and buy lunch from the canteen, you can also bring your own lunch to school. In Australia I am part of the largest public school in my state. We have 1500 kids that attend my school. There are around 200 kids in my grade, which is similar to Showa's entire School. Australia's teachers are usually really angry and don't really talk to the kids unless they are in trouble, however there are some like the Japanese teachers who are really nice and love to talk with the students. In Japan the students are very connected to their school as they clean it, do most of their sports there and they also spend a large amount of the day there too, This is unlike Australia as we do not clean our school and we spend most of our day outside of school. In Australia on Thursdays the students leave the school for two hours to do sports outside of school, also on Tuesdays we leave one hour early at 1:45 rather than the usual 2:45. The food at Australian schools is very different. Students tend to eat sandwiches, meat pies, sausage rolls, fruits, vegetables, chips, biscuits, lollies and juices which are more like snacks compared to Japan's Meals of rice soups salads and meals. I could not Choose between Australia and Japan, I have learnt lots about this country and I am very grateful for my time spent over here. I will forever remember this experience Thankyou Showa Junior High School





This is My Judo Club, these are all of the 先生  
There are only about thirty one thousand people that play judo in Australia, most kids Play  
NRL,AFL, Basketball, swimming or surf life saving.



This is a very popular lunch in Australia that many canteens sell, and lots of kids buy. If you don't buy  
your lunch kids will usually bring a sandwich and a juice box or a lunch that looks like this.

