

# My school experience in Japan

School in Japan has been a very fun and different experience. I've made lots of friends and I've learned and experienced new things. Compared to Australia I've been able to participate in the school judo club. Clubs are something schools in Australia don't do. I think clubs are a very good idea as you get to be social and active everyday which



keeps you fit and healthy. Everyday we also get served lunch at lunchtime unlike Australia where we bring our own food to school. The school lunch is Japanese food which is different to the lunch we'd eat in Australia like a sandwich. The lunch has a wide variety of different and delicious foods so I have really enjoyed it. The teachers and students are very kind at this school which makes the school environment very welcoming. It also makes



school more fun and interesting. I've had to wear uwabaki which is very different from Australia as we don't change our shoes, we wear the same shoes we wore walking to school. But I think that because of things like that Japanese schools are a lot cleaner than Australian schools. In Japan we also have cleaning duties unlike Australia where there are cleaners who clean up for us. I think cleaning teaches us discipline and work ethic so it's great that from a young age in Japan they clean. It's also fun as you're with your friends and there's music playing so it isn't boring. The teaching style here is also very different from Australia. In Australia they are very reliant on technology, all our lessons are online, there are whiteboards and projectors in every classroom and we have to bring our own computer to school. Compared to Japan where they use blackboards and most lessons are on paper, which

I think is good as we aren't on a device the whole day. Things like the school curriculum and the timetable however are very similar to Australia. Another difference is the uniform. In Australia everyone has the same uniform except for year 11 and 12 (college). In Japan I think it's very unique that each grade has a different colour uniform and it allows me to tell apart who's in which grade. The school uniform is also very formal, the girls one is very cute and the boys one is very cool. I think Japanese school uniforms are very fashionable, especially high school ones. In Australia school uniforms aren't that fashionable except for my sports uniform. The way the classes are laid out in Japan are different as in Australia we are in a different classroom for every class we have. Each subject has a different teacher and we also have different people in each class. I like the idea that there is one classroom, the same class and a main teacher because it allows you to be familiar with your classmates and you can form really close bonds with each other. Coming to Showa junior high school has been a great experience and I would definitely love to come back to attend Japanese school in the future.

