



Opportunities for Asian Language **STUDENTS**

INTRODUCTION

Studying a language opens a world of opportunities, now and in the future. Not only does it give you a real career boost but there are also plenty of opportunities to broaden your horizons with travel and community involvement. And there's heaps of ways to continue your language learning too!

This brochure is a snapshot of opportunities available to you, students of Japanese, Indonesian, Chinese and Korean language to enhance your language learning. If you wish to find out more about these opportunities and other information such as career pathways, check the companion website at www.deewr.gov.au/Schooling/NALSSP.

WHILE YOU'RE AT SCHOOL

AFS Australia High School Experience Program

www.afs.org.au/aus_en/focus_on/high_school

China, Hong Kong, Japan

Dreaming of going to school in another country and experiencing a different way of life? AFS has over 140 programs to choose from (one year, one semester or holiday break options) and scholarships are available.

The Australian Institute of International Understanding (AIU)

Student Exchange (January; June)

www.aiiu.com.au

High school students interested in student exchange to Japan are encouraged to apply for the AIU High School Exchange Programs. Students will attend a high school in Japan whilst living with volunteer Japanese families. Scholarships, currently valued at approximately \$2000, are available to outstanding applicants.

Lions Australia Youth Exchange Program (16-21 years of age)

www.lionsclubs.org.au/ye/index.htm

Unlike other exchange programs, the Lions International Youth Exchange Program is not conducted for tourism, education, or employment. Instead, it is a unique cultural learning opportunity. The program takes place over December/January each year and ranges in price.

Rotary Youth Exchange Australia

www.rotarnet.com.au/users/y/youth_exchange/

As a Rotary Exchange student, you will spend one year as an ambassador in another country, usually with three or four host families, becoming part of those families and their community. You will make new friends, see exciting places, attend a local school, and experience adventures that will take a lifetime to recount.

Other Language Study Tours

Ask your teacher about what study your own school is planning, or what other exchange programs you can get involved in!

National Chinese Speaking (Hanyuqiao) Competitions

www.confuciusinstitute.uwa.edu.au

A competition is held annually for both background and second language Chinese speakers. Will you be the next WA representative at the national competition?



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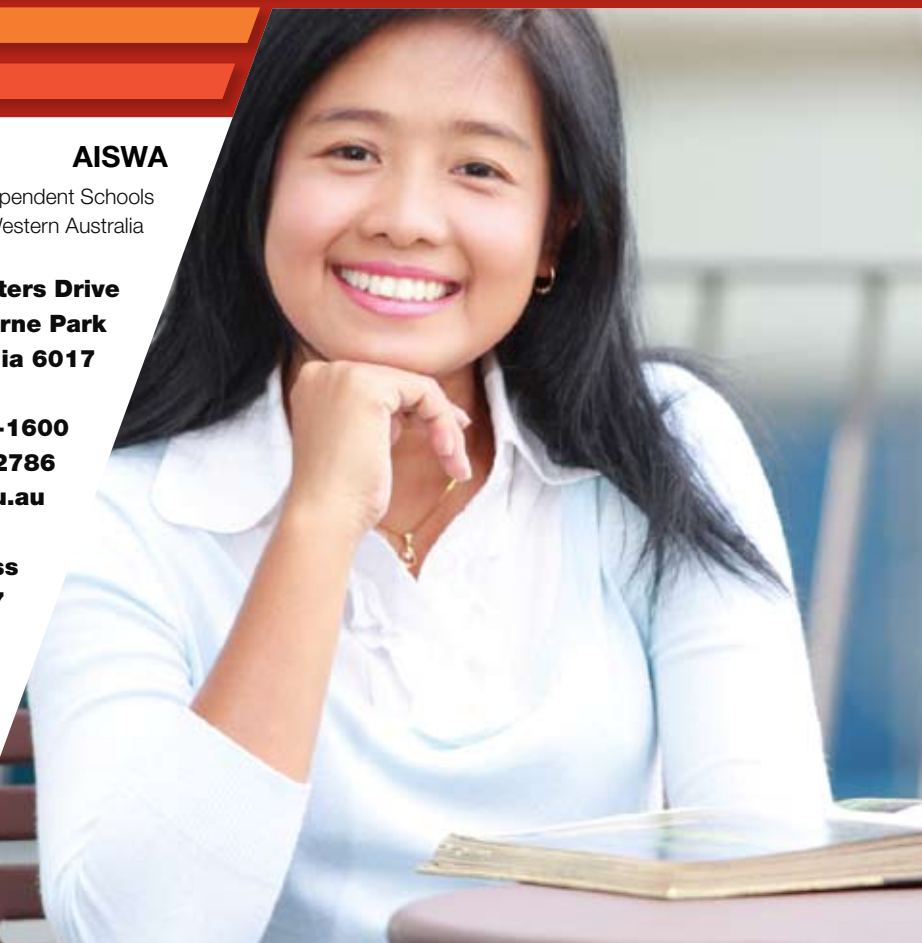
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Japanese Language Speech Contest

www.jpfa.org.au/speechcontest/index.html

Practice your Japanese in this rewarding challenge! To reach the National Final, participants must demonstrate excellence in both Language, Aptitude and Public Speaking.

Leaders in Languages Summit (AISWA Schools)

An opportunity for students in years 10, 11 and 12 studying Asian Languages to come together in a prestigious symposium. Participants will meet a variety of guests who will share their language learning experiences, sparking ideas and thoughtful action. Students will then have the opportunity to put ideas into action at their own schools!

Language Trails at the Perth Zoo

Next time you visit the Perth Zoo, why not follow one of the Language Trails? You'll learn all about the animals native to your target-language country and practice your language skills along the way.

Foreign Film Festival and Screenings

www.lunapalace.com.au

Luna Cinemas regularly screens foreign language films and during Languages Week offers even more! Find out what's on via their website or the newspaper.

In Your Community

The Japanese, Indonesian, Korean and Chinese communities each host special events (particularly for their countries' national holidays!) and potential language partners are all around you! Seek out every opportunity to meet new friends who speak your target language. For example, each year Curtin University hosts a Pasar Malam (night market) with support from the Indonesian community. Keep an eye on Consulate websites for upcoming events that you can join in with your parents.

Local Volunteer Opportunities

Are there any international sports teams visiting? How about cultural exchange projects? Do local tourist sites have large numbers of visitors from Japan/Korea/Indonesia/China? Are there any volunteer work opportunities? Work experience is always an opportunity to use your language skills!

Online Language Learning and Social/Educational Networks

Ask your teacher about online materials and communities of support for your target language. Or why not start your own?

ONCE YOU'VE FINISHED SCHOOL (FOR YOUNG ADULTS)

Sir Edward Weary Dunlop Asia Awards (21-40 years of age)

www.asialink.unimelb.edu.au/our_work/corporate_and_public/dunlop_fellowships

The Dunlop Asia Fellowships provide opportunities for young Australians who are committed to making a lasting contribution to Australia-Asia relations.

Fellowships provide a grant of up to \$15,000 for an individually devised program in an Asian country in fields including, but not limited to: social service; local community development; regional organisation building; peace-keeping; public health/welfare; technology; environment; arts/culture; and sport.

The Darmasiswa Program (18+)

www.kbri-canberra.org.au/dikbud/darma.html
darmasiswa.diknas.go.id/english/

The Darmasiswa program aims to foster interest in Indonesia's language, culture and arts. Funded by the Indonesian government, several scholarships are offered annually to Australians wishing to undertake one year non-degree programs in Indonesia. Applications are due in November each year for studies in August/September the following year.

Australia-Korea Next Generation Leaders Exchange Program

www.southkorea.embassy.gov.au/seoul/KorAus07.html

The Australia-Korea Foundation (AKF), in partnership with the Korea Foundation (KF), conducts the Australia-Korea Next Generation Leaders Exchange Program annually. The program aims to develop the leadership skills of potential and/or current leaders from both Australia and Korea via an exchange program.

Australia-Indonesia Youth Exchange Programme

www.dfat.gov.au/aii/scholarship_program/youth_exchange_program.html

A group of 14 Indonesian and 14 Australian youth represent their countries in this well-established short-term exchange program. Participants are chosen from applicants undertaking tertiary studies or employed in any one or more of the areas: Agriculture, Arts, Music, Asian Studies, Economics, Business, International Relations, Education, Engineering, Science, Environmental Management, Journalism, Media, Information and Communications Technology, Law, Health, Politics, Sports, Tourism and Hospitality. All expenses are paid.

China Study Tour by the Confucius Institute (18+)

www.confuciusinstitute.uwa.edu.au

The China Study Tour is an intensive nine-week course of study in Chinese language, culture and society that includes eight weeks of classes and one week of independent travel. The study tour is open to participants aged over 18, whose Chinese Mandarin language skills range from beginners to native speakers. The program is split between Zhejiang University (ZJU) in beautiful Hangzhou and the Beijing Institute of Education (BIE) in historic Beijing.

Australian Youth Ambassadors for Development (AYAD) (18+)

www.ayad.com.au

The AYAD Program is an Australian Government, AusAID initiative which supports skilled young Australians who want to live, work and make a difference in the Asia Pacific region. AYADs work with local Host Organisations and Australian Partners to achieve sustainable development through capacity building, skills exchange, and institutional strengthening. Projects range from working for the United Nations to Cricket Australia!

FURTHER STUDY AT UNIVERSITY

You're not just limited to universities in Western Australia! The universities below all offer a language bonus on top of your tertiary entrance score. Not only does language study boost your score but often you can also gain advanced standing towards language degrees. Remember, you can combine many degrees with language study: Think what a boost continuing a language would be when studying International Relations, for example.

Universities offering a Language Bonus on Tertiary Entrance Scores
Australian National University

Curtin University (from 2012)

Flinders University

Griffith University

Monash University

The University of New South Wales

University of Adelaide

University of Melbourne

University of Queensland

University of South Australia

University of Sydney

University of Western Australia

The Confucius Institute

www.confuciusinstitute.uwa.edu.au

The Confucius Institute offer a range of scholarships to support students studying Chinese language at the tertiary level

Australian Consortium of In-Country Indonesian Studies (ACICIS)

www.acicis.murdoch.edu.a

ACICIS is a non-profit consortium of universities that develops and coordinates high quality, in-country study options in Indonesia. Options include university-based and workplace-based opportunities. Study with ACICIS can also count towards a university degree (UWA, Murdoch University, and Curtin University included).

Australia Korea Internship Program

www.dfat.gov.au/akf/program_activities/AK_internship.html

Spend two months in Korea and advance your career prospects. Initiated by the Australia Korea Foundation, this opportunity is open to business and finance students for a two-month placement in a major Korean company.

Japanese Government (Monbukagakusho) Scholarships

www.studyjapan.go.jp/en/toj/toj0302e.html

The Japanese government offers a range of scholarships for study in Japan. Over 10,000 foreign students have studied in Japan under this scheme!

University of Queensland Scholarship

www.arts.uq.edu.au/index.html?page=104823&pid=41259

A new scholarship valued at \$2,500 per year is available to students enrolled in the University of Queensland's Arts faculty who wish to study Indonesian.

The Western Australian Japanese Studies Scholarship; The Western Australian/Hyogo Prefecture Japanese Studies Scholarship

www.des.wa.gov.au/pages/higher_ed_scholarships.php

These scholarships aim to provide promising students, who have knowledge of the Japanese language, with the opportunity to study at a university in Japan. The scholarships may be used to progress relevant undergraduate or postgraduate studies in which the student is or will be formally enrolled at one of the Western Australian public universities.

FURTHER STUDY ELSEWHERE

Check out the study options offered by The Balai Bahasa Indonesia Perth, The Japan Foundation, and The Confucius Institute!