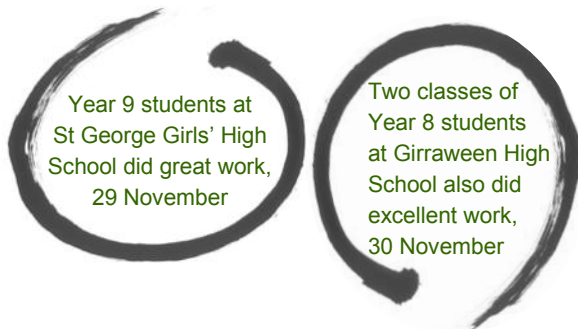


School visit team— calligraphy workshops

Representatives of the Consulate are available to visit schools in NSW and the NT*. Two different styles of visits are available: a calligraphy workshop designed for schools which have Japanese language programs and a presentation designed as a general introduction to Japan which is best suited to HSIE units or for students just starting their study of Japanese language.

The **calligraphy workshop** is a new school visit initiative of the Consul-General of Japan in Sydney, Mr Keizo Takewaka. The Consul-General would like to show his appreciation to schools offering Japanese language by providing an opportunity for their students to experience Japanese calligraphy first hand.



Schools are invited to apply for visits
in Terms 1 and 2 in 2018.

For more information, see:

www.sydney.au.emb-japan.go.jp/english/education/school_visit.htm

Email: cginfo@sy.mofa.go.jp Tel: 9250 1000

* Schools in regional areas are welcome to apply for visits, however, we may not be able to meet all requests.

Awards Ceremony for the 2017 Australia-Japan Relations Essay Contest

On 6 December, Consul-General Keizo Takewaka held the awards ceremony for the 2016 Australia-Japan Relations Essay Contest for NSW and NT Secondary School Students at his official residence in Sydney. Around 80 people attended the awards ceremony which included the prize-winning students, their families, school officials, sponsors and Japanese language teachers and academics.



Prize winners with the Consul-General [centre back], contest judge Prof. Haruko Asakura [second left, centre row], sponsors Japan Airlines and JTB Australia, and supporter Kinokuniya

The awards were followed by speeches from the junior and senior divisions first-prize winners, **Ms Lisa Segal** (Kambala) and **Ms Manar Al-ogaidi** (Bonnyrigg High School), the Senior Division First Prize Winner, and Ms Yukiko Watanabe on behalf of **School of the Year, Kambala**. Both students began their insightful speeches by speaking in Japanese! (But the contest is open to all secondary school students, whether they learn Japanese or not.)

The Consulate would like to congratulate the prize winners and all the students who took part in this year's competition, as well as thank the **official sponsors, Japan Airlines and JTB Australia**, and **supporter, Kinokuniya**, for their generous support of the contest.

The full list of this year's winners can be found at:

www.sydney.au.emb-japan.go.jp/english/education/essay_contest.htm



Ms Lisa Segal



Ms Manar Al-ogaidi