

# The 3rd Australia-Japan Relations Essay Contest for NSW and NT

*Technology is the theme of this year's topics in the Australia-Japan Relations Essay Contest for Secondary School Students in New South Wales and the Northern Territory.*

Essays are written in English to enable all students, not only Japanese language students, to participate in the contest. The aim of the contest is to encourage entrants to learn more about Japan and Japan-Australia relations.

## ESSAY TOPICS

Junior: Years 7 & 8 (700-1000 words)

Robots are becoming an increasingly important part of contemporary society. Outline some of the ways in which robots are currently employed in Australia and Japan, and discuss what role you believe they will play in the future.

Senior: Years 9-12 (1300-1600 words)

Recently, a Japanese developed maglev train broke the land speed record by travelling over 600km/h during testing. Do you believe high speed trains should be introduced to Australia? Based on the history of the shinkansen in Japan, discuss some of the possible costs and benefits of introducing high speed trains to Australia.

## PRIZES

First Place—Senior Division

Trip to Japan, courtesy of Japan Airlines and JTB Australia

A free return economy class air ticket from Sydney to Tokyo Narita, 7-day Japan Rail Pass and 3 nights' accommodation at Shiba Park Hotel in Tokyo.\*

First Place—Junior Division

\$300 worth of books

School of the Year

\$400 worth of books

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**DEADLINE: Wednesday 24 August 2016**

*Keep in mind the new, longer delivery times for ordinary mail.  
Post essays in good time to make the deadline.*

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## 2016-2017 JETs from NSW

A group of 35 new participants from NSW is getting ready to embark on a year living and working in Japan on the Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) Programme. Largely recent university graduates, the July group also contains two former JETs who have decided to rejoin the program.

Three Coordinators for International Relations (CIRs) and 32 Assistant Language Teachers (ALTs) will join the nine NSW participants (6 ALTs and 3 CIRs) who took up their positions in April.

The main cohort will leave Sydney in late July after a farewell reception hosted by the Consul-General of Japan; it will be an opportunity to thank all those involved in the JET interview process and to wish these latest JETs well in their exciting new roles.

## CALL TO FORMER JETs TO GET IN TOUCH

**JETAA NSW is inviting all former JET participants to reconnect with their local alumni community as it prepares to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the programme.**

JETAA NSW is the alumni association for former members of the Japan Exchange and Teaching Programme in New South Wales. Of course, JETAA NSW welcomes *all* former JETs living in NSW, including those originally from other states or countries.

Maybe it's years or even several decades since you last attended a JET-related event. Well, this year marks a perfect opportunity to renew those bonds and possibly reconnect with friends and colleagues you haven't seen in years.

Six degrees of separation... or  
"Where are they now?"

A JET 30th Anniversary Initiative

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