

# 2019 Australia-Japan Relations Essay Contest for NSW & NT Secondary School Students

## AIM OF CONTEST

The aim of the Australia-Japan Relations Essay Contest is to encourage and develop a better understanding of Japan and Australia-Japan relations, amongst secondary school students in New South Wales and the Northern Territory.

The contest is open to all students—not only Japanese language students—enrolled in New South Wales and Northern Territory secondary schools, both public and private, including seventh year primary schools in the Northern Territory.

## 2019 TOPICS

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

With the advent of the **new Japanese Imperial era** of "Reiwa" (令和), how do you expect Japan-Australia relations to continue to develop, given the significant developments and milestones that occurred during the preceding "Heisei" (平成) era?

### Junior Division (Years 7-8): 700-1000 words

There are a number of **environmental issues** currently affecting the world, from waste management to sustainability and climate change. Consider the different approaches Japan and Australia are taking to address such environmental issues and discuss what each country can learn from the other.

## PRIZES

The **first place winner in the Senior Division** will receive a return economy class air ticket\* to Japan, courtesy of **Japan Airlines**. In addition, the first place winner will be provided with a 7-day Japan Rail Pass (Ordinary Class) and 3 nights accommodation at Shiba Park Hotel in Tokyo (conditions apply, subject to availability), courtesy of **JTB Australia Pty Ltd**.

The **first place winner in the Junior Division** will receive \$300 worth of books of the winner's own choice.

**Special Northern Territory Prizes:** The first place winners in the Senior and Junior Divisions for the Northern Territory will each receive \$100 worth of books of the winners' own choice from **Books Kinokuniya**.

**Other prizes:** "Outstanding Essays" in both divisions will receive \$50 worth of goods from **Tokyo Mart**. Prizes will be awarded in both divisions for "Highly Commended Essays", and each prize winner will be awarded a certificate and plaque.

The **School of the Year award** will be given to the school with the highest percentage of top quality essays, as deemed by the judges. The school will receive \$400 worth of books.

**Entry forms and guidelines** are available on our website, or email a request to [cginfo@sy.mofa.go.jp](mailto:cginfo@sy.mofa.go.jp) to have the documents sent to you.

\* Conditions of prizes and eligibility details are available online at —

[www.sydney.au.emb-japan.go.jp](http://www.sydney.au.emb-japan.go.jp)

**DEADLINE: 21 August 2019**

# JET News

A word from the **new JETAA NSW President, Ms Ashlie O'Neill**, who was an Assistant Language Teacher (ALT) on the Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) Programme in Hyogo Prefecture from 2013 to 2016. She is also the current Chair of JETAA International.



In 2019, I am happy to step up from Event Coordinator, a position that I have enjoyed for two years, to President. Sally Miles did a wonderful job last year in the position and has now taken on the position of Secretary. With her knowledge and organisation skills, along with our wonderful committee this year, I am certain JETAA NSW will be able to deliver a great set of events and programs.

Including our new monthly meet up event on the last Wednesday of every month called "Hump day with JETAA", we are working with our long-term partner AJS-NSW on not only our always popular Shaberanaito but also on new events such as Trivia! Make sure to keep your eye out for announcements on our Facebook page.

This October we are excited to be hosting delegates from around Australia, New Zealand and Singapore for the **Annual JETAA Oceania Conference in Sydney**. We are currently working hard alongside the Consulate and CLAIR to secure accommodation, a conference location and create a jam-packed schedule that not only motivates and educates participants but is also based around our theme of '20/20 vision for the future'.

**2019 is the 30th anniversary of the establishment of JETAA. Thirty years later we are a global alumni association that represents almost 70,000 JET alumni.**

My time on the JET Programme will forever remain a highlight in my life. Working with the JETAA NSW Committee and being part of the Japanese community in Sydney keeps me well connected with the things that I love about Japan.

I encourage anyone who is interested in getting to know more about us or joining our community to reach out via our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/jetaansw/](http://www.facebook.com/jetaansw/) or the email below.

**Ashlie O'Neill President, JETAA NSW  
(February 2019—present)**

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JETAA NSW helped to ready a new group of JETs at the Pre-Departure Orientation held on 6 July at the Japan Foundation Sydney. The JETs leave for Tokyo in late July.