



Matsuri in Sydney returns to

**Tumbalong Park, Darling Harbour,
Saturday 7 December, 11.30am-7.30pm**

A great way to experience the fun of a Japanese festival in Sydney.

Last year, around 40,000 people came to enjoy fantastic stage performances, workshops, demonstrations and food. A great line-up is planned for this year.

Learn more at: matsurisydney.com

A spring flowering of festivals—

Matsuri in Chatswood, Strathfield Spring Festival and Cowra Sakura Matsuri

The sound of Japanese drums by **Wadaiko Rindo Sydney** got things off to a dynamic start at **Strathfield Spring Festival** on Saturday 7 September, and later that afternoon, **Soran Odoritai** surprised some in the audience by how energetic Japanese dance can be. The two groups were proudly presented by the Consulate-General of Japan, Sydney as part of our efforts to introduce Japanese culture at local community festivals.

There was a great turnout at **Matsuri Japan Festival in Chatswood** on 14 September organised by Japan Club of Sydney as part of Willoughby Council's Emerge Festival. And there was also a fantastic turnout this year at the **Cowra Sakura Matsuri Family Fun Day** on 28 September in their beautiful Japanese gardens. Many travel quite a distance to Cowra for the event including those giving performances and workshops, including the Aikido group from Senshu University in Japan.



**Sydney, it's not long now!
Japanese Film Festival 2019
coming to
Event Cinemas George Street
14 – 24 November**

<https://japanesefilmfestival.net/>

SCHOOL VISITS

The school visit team was delighted to be able to give calligraphy workshops and presentations at six schools in the Greater Sydney: **North Sydney Girls' High School** and **International Grammar School** (2 Aug.), **St Columba's Catholic College** (16 Aug.), **St Charbel's College** (28 Aug.), **Greystanes High School** (16 Sep.) and **St Monica's Catholic Primary School** in Windsor (26 Sept.).

The team is always impressed by the can-do attitude of so many students and the natural feel that some students have from the outset when they pick up the brush!

Schools in New South Wales* are invited to apply for our 2019 program (Term 4).

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



There really are some great first efforts!