



Japan – Australia Education & Research

Quick Facts

- Australia and Japan share a proud history of high quality collaboration in education and research – and this cooperation is getting stronger
- Japanese is the most studied foreign language in Australian schools and universities
- Australia is the most popular destination for Japanese school tours – there are over 35,000 Japanese school students visiting Australia for short-term visits each year
- Australia is the top sister school partner for Japan with approximately 650 school to school arrangements
- Australia sends 1,300 high school students a year to Japan for short term exchange
- In 2014, Australian Universities reported 475 formal partnerships with Japan - 70% include student exchange and 60% include research collaboration
- Japan's total R&D expenditure 7 times larger than Australia's, over 75% in industry (39 of world's top 100 innovative firms)
- Research cooperation (as measured by co-authored publications) has doubled over the last decade. The quality and impact of these publications is significantly higher than the Australian and Japanese averages in all fields
- According to the MEXT survey of Japanese institutions and research agencies, in FY2012 Japan dispatched 4,100 researchers to Australia for the purpose of undertaking research activities including joint research, attending academic conferences and symposia or receiving training. Australia reciprocated 783 researchers to Japan for the same period
- After a decade of decline, student numbers to Australia has increased year on year for the last four years, but in a more competitive international landscape
- In 2014 there were around 12,500 enrolments for Japanese students on a student visa, for English language study in Australia (5,800), vocational and technical education (3,200) and higher education (just under 1,600). English Australia reported another 10,000-15,000 language students on other forms of visa in 2013
- Australian universities reported approximately 1000 students travelling to Japan for short and medium term study abroad programs in 2012, prior to the introduction of the New Colombo Plan (NCP), this number has increased in recent years. In 2014 and 2015, 590 Australian undergraduates have received support through the NCP for study and internships in Japan