



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 – currently 360,000 students studying Japanese in Australia
- Australia is the most popular destination for Japanese school tours – there are over 60,000 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
- Australian Universities reported 560 formal partnerships with Japan – shifting to more strategic partnership which includes development of joint or double degree programs
- 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 more than doubled over the last decade. The quality of these publications is significantly higher than the Australian and Japanese averages in all fields, meaning that both countries receive a boost to university rankings from working together
- After a decade of decline, student numbers to Australia has increased year on year for the last five years, but in a more competitive international landscape
- In 2016 there were around 14,700 enrolments for Japanese students on a student visa, for English language study in Australia (7,367), vocational and technical education (4,128) and higher education (just under 1,493). English Australia reported 19,809 Japanese language students in 2015 and Japan was the second largest source country after China.
- Student mobility is increasing with new scholarships provided by both governments. Since the New Colombo Plan was launched in 2014, an additional 1,500 Australian undergraduate students have come to Japan to study and undertake internships.