



THE AUSTRALIAN OLYMPIC CONNECT PROGRAM, BRINGING AUSTRALIAN AND JAPANESE SCHOOLS TOGETHER TO CELEBRATE THE SHARED OLYMPIC VALUES AHEAD OF THE TOKYO GAMES.

The inaugural program, **ともだち 2020 (Tomodachi 2020)**, translates as **Friends 2020**, signifying the foundation of the program being built on friendship and relationship building between countries.

The Olympic movement unites countries and their peoples.

The program is structured to promote the international connection between two countries, foster a safe cultural learning environment and providing a unique insight into each country's customs, lifestyle and activities in the lead up to and during the Olympic Games.

OBJECTIVES

- Connect students internationally to celebrate and promote the Olympic Spirit and the principles of Olympism: Respect Excellence and Friendship
- Provide an opportunity for Japanese and Australian students to learn about each other's culture and traditions
- Support the development of strong international relations with the Olympic Games host country
- Provide the opportunity for teachers to tailor intercultural learning outcomes for their classes and share and celebrate the Olympic movement

ENDORSEMENT

The program has the approval of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), the Japanese Olympic Committee (JOC) and the Tokyo Organising Committee of the Olympic Games (TOCOG) and the support of the Australian Embassy in Japan. Nominal support is underway with the Japanese Embassy in Australia and the Consulate General of Japan offices around the States of Australia.

FORMAT

Australian/Japanese Schools and their respective language educators will be invited to participate and register via a simple online form.

Classes will be matched according to their age or year level and the program is available for students aged between 10-16 years.

Educator's will be introduced, and contact details shared. They are provided with a communication guide, with suggested themes and focal points to assist in meaningful collaboration. Educators are encouraged to have regular communication from the time they are matched until the conclusion of the program.

PILOT PROGRAM IN 2020

26 June	Registrations open
23 July	Registrations close
24 Jul - 24 Aug	Classes connected and educators introduced
24 Aug - 31 Oct	Pilot program
31 Oct - 15 Nov	Pilot program review and feedback