

September 2015



2015 - 2016 Alberta / Japan Two-Week Exchange

Purpose

This short-term reciprocal student exchange program is designed to give Alberta students an opportunity to learn more about Japan and its culture and to give Japanese students a similar opportunity to learn about Canada.

Objectives

- To enable high school students to experience family and school life in another country
- To establish international contacts
- To develop an understanding of another culture
- To promote international understanding

Yamate Gakuin

Yamate is a private co-educational school located in Yokohama, Japan. The school, which was founded in 1966, provides a liberal education emphasizing responsible participation in community and international affairs. An international excursion is an integral part of the school's educational program and is compulsory for all Grade 11 students. Field trips to the United States and Canada and the return visits from American and Canadian students have been prominent events for the school for the past 36 years.

Exchange Program

Each April, approximately 180 Yamate students come to Alberta for two weeks. During this period they are billeted with Alberta families and attend classes in their host school. In July, Alberta students pay a return visit to Japan and stay with Japanese families. Yamate Gakuin organizes some special day tours for the visiting students. The only costs to the Alberta student are airfare, ground transportation, insurance and spending money. (approximately \$3000 for the 2016 exchange excl. spending money)

Any hosting student from a hosting school may apply for the return visit, but, if some extra spaces are available, other students from those hosting schools can apply.

In the 2015- 2016 school year, the Yamate students will exchange with the Edmonton-Area Schools (a 3 – year cycle – Edmonton, Calgary, Red Deer)

Approximately 160 Yamate students will arrive Friday April 15 in Edmonton to stay 2 weeks until Friday April 29, 2016 with their Edmonton-Area hosts. The schools involved are Archbishop Jordan, John Paul II, Lamont, Salisbury Composite, Jasper Place, Strathcona Composite, Louis St. Laurent, Sturgeon Composite and St. Peter the Apostle (Spruce Grove).

In July 2016, all schools participating in hosting will send students to Yokohama, Japan for 2 weeks on the reciprocal exchange. The chaperones will be from the participating schools.

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Itinerary In Japan

Dates for July/August - leave Edmonton Wed July 20, Arrive in Japan Thurs July 21
- leave Japan Thurs Aug 4, Arrive Edmonton Thurs Aug 4

Wed July 20 – leave Edm/Vanc – for Tokyo
Thurs July 21 – arrive Tokyo, bus to Yamate Gakuin School, hosted by parents
Fri July 22 – with host family
Sat July 23 - with host family
Sun July 24 -with host family
Mon July 25 – Tokyo Excursion
Tues July 26 - with host family
Wed July 27 - Yokohama Excursion
Thurs July 28 – with host family
Fri July 29 - Cultural day hosted by Yamate Parent’s association 10:00 – 12:00
Sat July 30 - with host family
Sun July 31 – with host family
Mon Aug 1 - Disneyland tour hosted by Yamate Parent’s association
Tues Aug 2 - with host family
Wed Aug 3 - with host family
Thurs Aug 4 - leave for Canada

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