

The Voices of MGS students from Questionnaires

What is the impression of this program?

Very Good (75%) Good (25%) Average (0%) Poor (0%) Very Poor (0%)

What did you expect for this program?

- Japanese lessons, cultural exchange, friendships
- To improve my Japanese, make Japanese friends, and learn more about the amazing Japanese culture.
- I expected to have a great chance experiencing Japan, its language and its culture in all its entirety.
- To improve Japanese listening, speaking skill
- To learn lots of Japan
- To know how it is like to live in Tokyo

In what did you find the program effective?

- Homestay
- Learning with native Japanese students which makes it a lot more effective
- I found it effective in that we could see what Japanese school lifestyle is like, as well as learning about the culture of the younger generation.
- I really liked the Japanese lessons, and the system in which there would be Japanese students with us, was really great. Since they volunteered for this, I also hoped that they got something out of it.
- Living in a Japanese speaking environment really helps to improve your language ability, and mixing with Japanese friends at the same age also helps with the oral and listening aspects of the language.
- You get to speak Japanese every day with your host friend.
- I found it very effective how each day we were paired with a Japanese student, which forced us to speak as much Japanese as possible.

What is the impression of the Japanese lessons?

Very Good (67%) Good (33%) Average (0%) Poor (0%) Very Poor (0%)

What did you get from the Japanese lessons?

- A whole bunch of knowledge about the Japanese way of life
- Cultural exchange
- A better understanding of Japanese
- I improved greatly in the speech/presentation making, which is very helpful to me in my VCE studies.
- A lot of homework, but it was worth it. Maybe more grammar learning would be even better.

What is the impression of the Japanese Cultural lessons?

Very Good (42%) Good (33%) Average (25%) Poor (0%) Very Poor (0%)

What did you get from the Japanese Cultural lessons?

- I thought that having the chance to experience how some subjects are taught in Japan was quite an insight. We not only learned some traditional culture, like Haiku and Calligraphy, but we also could see how subjects like history and geography were taught in Japan.
- It was nice of the Waseda teachers to give up their spare time to teach us. I found the lessons really interesting and helps a lot with cultural understandings.
- I got to learn about things I have never done before.
- Informative although at times difficult to follow.
- Whilst fairly interesting they were hard to understand and get involved in.

How do you feel about the assistant students?

Very Helpful (92%) Helpful (8%) Not so helpful (0%) Unnecessary (0%)

Comments to the Assistant Waseda students

- It was very kind of them to help us during their spare time. Hope we can do the same in return.
- I'll just like to say that, they were really kind giving up their time to be with us, and hopefully they gained as much as we did.
- Having the Year 12s help out is a great idea, helps a lot with the language.
- A valuable source of information about both Japanese and Japan
- It was something very rare for us and it was very interesting.
- They were very friendly and helpful, clear and understanding as well as very fun and joyful.

How do you feel about your homestay?

Very Comfortable (67%) Comfortable (33%) Average (0%)
Not so Comfortable (0%) Uncomfortable (0%)

Comments to the Host Family

- My host friend was nice and it was never boring. My family were also very nice to me, and it was a priceless experience.
- My host family were very nice to me, taught me a lot, took care of me really well.
- The family were very kind, and spoke good English.
- I was very fortunate as my host family was very communicative, and didn't ignore me at all, in any situation.
- Members of the family were very similar to mine. It was great!
- Host family took me to places and made me feel at home.
- They didn't scold me at all because I was a very good boy.