



**HUNTINGDALE
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Engaging Minds Together

May 2018

Sponsorship for Japanese Taiko Drum Program

Dear Sir/Madam

Huntingdale Primary is a Victorian government school that runs a Japanese Bilingual program in Oakleigh South. Our students experience Japanese language and culture from Foundation to Year 6. We have a total of 380 students and this is expected to increase to around 420 next year.

The school runs many Japanese programs including a Japanese Taiko drumming program. This program has been running since the early 2000's and has 12 students actively learning this instrument as part of the Taiko group, as well as 3 year 5/6 classes who study Taiko as part of our whole school music program. However, the condition and maintenance of our drums is an ongoing issue, so we can keep the current program running using high quality equipment.

We are looking for companies with Japanese connections to sponsor our Taiko Drumming program and we were hoping to arrange sponsorship with you. We are proposing this sponsorship program run until 2025.

We are looking for \$5,000 in total per annum, which will be used to maintain our current drums as well as purchasing new drums, stands and drum bags.

For this, we would be grateful for your company's sponsorship by making a donation (\$500 per unit) and, in return, our school would:

Silver Sponsorship (\$500)	Gold Sponsorship (\$1,000)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Promote your company's contribution</u> to the Taiko drum program in our school newsletter and social media program; and• <u>Highlight your company's sponsorship</u> of our program on a roll out banner, which will be produced by a portion of the donation and will be used at all our performances.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Promote your company's contribution</u> to the Taiko drum program in our school newsletter and social media program;• <u>Highlight your company's sponsorship</u> of our program on a roll out banner, which will be produced by a portion of the donation and will be used at all our performances;• <u>Organise the Taiko group's performance</u> at your company's office or function in Melbourne as an excursion (in office hours) and put on a lunch time performance for staff, highlighting your company's contribution to our program every year of the sponsorship (Note: minimum four weeks' prior notice required).

I hope you would consider our request and if your company is interested in the sponsorship, please complete the information on the following page and return it to Huntingdale Primary School.

Kind regards

Parent Representative School Councillor
Huntingdale Primary School



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Expression of Interest

Yes, we would like to sponsor HPS Taiko Team by becoming a Silver Sponsor / Gold Sponsor (please cross out whichever not applicable) as below:

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Name of company:

Address:

Contact:

Telephone:

Email:

Questions:

Please return the completed form to Huntingdale Primary School via

- email: Huntingdale.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au or
- mail: Grange Road, Oakleigh South VIC 3167

A Huntingdale Primary School Representative will contact you regarding making the payment.



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Japanese Language and Culture Program

Huntingdale Primary School has a proud history of education since it was established in 1954. In 1997 it expanded its educational program by introducing a Japanese language immersion program. Being immersive it teaches the students more than just the language of Japan but also its history and culture. The school currently has 380 students from Foundation (aged 5) to Grade 6 (aged 12). We have 15 out of 30 staff that are fluent in Japanese and English.

At the school we offer

- Biannual Japan trip for year 5 and 6 students
- Taiko drumming group
- Bilingual choir for years 4 to 6
- Bilingual school production
- Celebrate a range of Japanese cultural days such as children's day, Tanabata festival and Undakai sports day
- Visits from Shioya Junior High School
- Sister school relationship with Kurramochi Primary School in the Mie Prefecture



For more information on the school please see Huntingdale Primary Schools information booklet <http://huntingdaleps.vic.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/sites/33/2014/08/Information-Booklet-.pdf>

Taiko Music Program

A strong part of Japanese culture is the music. Japanese Taiko was introduced to the school to support this program more than 15 years ago and has become an integral part of the school's identity.

Students have the opportunity to learn Taiko as a part of the instrumental music program, with it being the primary focus in years five and six.

In addition the school has a Taiko group made up of children from years four to six, who perform regularly at all major school events as well as regular performances at a wide range of events across Melbourne and is extremely popular. The children rehearse weekly and learn traditional Taiko pieces, increasing in complexity as the children progress.

The Taiko performance group has long been a flagship of excellence for Huntingdale Primary school and act as enthusiastic ambassadors sharing and promoting Japanese culture and language with the wider Melbourne Community. They are also a great source of pride for all at the school.





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Huntingdale Primary School Taiko Group, Milestone Performances

Mother Language Day, State Government Victoria, February 2018

You can view the video from:

http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/news/Pages/stories/2018/stories_motherlanguageday.aspx

Australia Japan Society of Victoria annual Japan Festival, Box Hill, May 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015.

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/ilrezhjz454ti/HPS%20Japan%20festival%202016.m4v?dl=0>

School Sports Victoria Awards, Melbourne Cricket Ground, March 2018, 2017.

Multicultural Festival of Creative Arts, Cheltenham, March 2018, 2017.

Community Cultural Festival, Oakleigh South Secondary College, March 2018

Carols in the Park, Oakleigh, December, 2017, 2016, 2014.

Japan - Australia Biennial Cultural Afternoon, Glen Eira Town Hall, Nov 2016, 2014.

You can view the video from:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kdOYt8iihU0>

Victorian State Schools Spectacular foyer performers, Hisense Arena, September 2016.

Association of Business Managers in Victorian State Schools Conference, Albert Park, May 2016.

Art in the Park, Monash Gallery of Art, Wheelers Hill, December 2015.

Pacific School Games Presentation Ceremony, State Netball and Hockey Centre, 2017,2015.

Weather with Mike Larkin, Channel Ten News, Melbourne, May 2013.

You can view the video from:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jHLEgwJZcHk>

Royal Visit for the Prince of Wales and the Duchess of Cornwall, Victorian College of the Arts, Nov 2012.

Victorian Government Vision for Languages Launch, Parliament House, Victoria, November 2011.

DEECD Education Excellence Awards, Crown Palladium, 2011.

All Australian Wadaiko Festival, University of Melbourne, September 2008.