

# Setagaya Goodwill Tour



28 Sep - 9 Oct, 2025



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## The opportunity of a lifetime to connect with Japan

The Setagaya Goodwill Tour was formed out of the Sister City relationship with Setagaya which was signed in 1992 by Bunbury Mayor Ernest Manea and Setagaya Mayor Oba.

The program has run every year since, with the aim to develop leadership skills by empowering students to represent Bunbury positively, strengthening the sister-city relationship, fostering mutual cultural understanding, and building lasting connections between both cities.

The Tour runs during the September school holidays and is led by a City of Bunbury representative. Up to 16 students from Years 6 and 7 - and three accompanying adults - will be accepted into the program.

Some of the many experiences include:

- Meeting the Mayor of Setagaya
- Visiting Hakone and viewing Mt Fuji
- A homestay with a Japanese family
- Visiting Tokyo Disneyland

If you're a Year 6 or 7 student this year (2025), and are excited to share your love of Bunbury and Australia with new friends in Japan, we invite you to apply to be a part of this exciting life-changing experience.

# Key Tour Details

Should you wish to apply to be a part of this year's tour, please submit your online application via the relevant SmartyGrants links below. Following your application, you will need to make a \$750 deposit to the City of Bunbury.

- The Tour will take place from Sunday, 28 September to Thursday, 9 October 2025.
- Approximate costs are \$4,480 - \$4,980 per person, depending on the applicant's age.
- The tour cost covers all expenses including: flights, accommodation, meals, entry fees and spending money.
- Customary gifts for your host family will need to be created or bought yourself.

If you have any queries, please contact Ju Taylor, Team Leader of Place Activation on 08 9792 7131 or via [jtaylor@bunbury.wa.gov.au](mailto:jtaylor@bunbury.wa.gov.au)

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## Student Application

[bunbury.smartygrants.com.au/  
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StudentApplication](https://bunbury.smartygrants.com.au/SetagayaGoodwillTour2025-StudentApplication)

## Adult Application

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AdultApplication](https://bunbury.smartygrants.com.au/SetagayaGoodwillTour2025-AdultApplication)



# Homestay

Homestay is one of the highlights of the Setagaya Goodwill Tour, where all students and accompanying adults will live with a Japanese family for approximately three nights and enjoy traditional Japanese culture. Many past students maintain contact with their homestay families, developing friendships that last a lifetime.



## Testimonials

*“I made so many friends at the school visits. I learned about the Japanese culture with my amazing host family that after high school I'm considering taking a gap year to go back.”*

*“The Japanese kids were very welcoming and they let them perform a traditional dance and the host family visits. The Setagaya City hall, scenic tour and Disney attraction were great too. Thank you so much.”*

*“We connected with Japanese students who were so curious about Australia and this experience showed me how much we can learn from each other, even from across the world. I loved getting to experience Japanese traditions firsthand. We practiced calligraphy, made traditional Washi paper and even saw a ninja show! These moments taught me the value of preserving history and taking pride in one's culture. My host family welcomed me like family, and their kindness made me want to offer a similar experience here in Bunbury.”*





## Important Dates 2025

Wednesday 2 April	Submit an online application
Monday, 7 April	Payment information will be emailed to families upon submitting the online application to pay the \$750 deposit
Sunday 13 April	Interview Day Venue: City of Bunbury Function Room
Wednesday 16 April	Applicants are advised if they are successful
First Meeting	City of Bunbury Time and meeting room to be confirmed
Tour Meetings	Starting monthly and then fortnightly Day, time and meeting place to be confirmed Fundraising
By Monday 30 June	Final payment due
August	Camp/sleepover
Mid-September	Mayoral farewell, date and time TBC
Sunday 28 September	Tour departs from Bunbury
Wednesday 8 October	Flight departs from Tokyo
Friday 31 October to Wednesday 5 November	Setagaya students visit Bunbury
Sunday 14 December	Participate in the Christmas in the City parade

# Cost Estimate

<b>Estimated costs 2025 Tour</b>	<b>Adult</b>	<b>Child (Under 12)</b>	<b>Child (12 and older)</b>
Flights and airport taxes	\$1,800	\$1,400	\$1,800
Accommodation	\$700	\$500	\$500
Hakone tour (2 days 1 night), bullet train, Ninja Show, traditional Japanese accommodation with Onsen, etc.	\$900	\$800	\$900
Arts/dance/sport/music workshops	\$100	\$100	\$100
Camp	\$100	\$100	\$100
Disneyland	\$100	\$100	\$100
Uniforms	\$220	\$220	\$220
Hire of vehicle to Perth	\$150	\$150	\$150
Food kitty	\$300	\$300	\$300
Internal travel/incidentals	\$150	\$150	\$150
Spending money	Nil	\$300	\$300
Travel insurance	\$100	\$100	\$100
Tour leader levy (this cost is based upon 19 participants and may increase depending on numbers)	\$260	\$260	\$260
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,880</b>	<b>\$4,480</b>	<b>\$4,980</b>

These costs are estimated and may be subject to change depending on the actual number of participants and the exchange rate at the time of travel.

An additional cost of gifts for your host families will also be incurred. However, please remember it is not the amount you spend; it is the thought and presentation that counts.

You will have the opportunity, but no obligation, to participate in fundraising with other families.



## 2025 Setagaya Goodwill Tour Itinerary

Day/Date	Event/Activity
28 Sep Sunday	Depart Perth
29 Sep Monday	Arrive in Tokyo Tokyo tourism (Asakusa, Odaiba, Tokyo Tower)
30 Sep – 3 Oct Tuesday to Friday	Elementary school visits Gotokuji Temple Ghibli Museum Japanese cultural/sport workshops Meet the Mayor of Setagaya and Super Intendent of the Board of Education Disneyland Shopping
4 - 5 Oct Weekend	Homestay
6 - 7 Oct Monday to Tuesday	Hakone guided tour (Hakone Open Air Museum, Oshino Shinobi no Sato, Ninja Village, Lake Ashi, Cruise, Yosegi puzzle box making experience, Hakone Lake Ashi Ropeway, Accommodation at Hakone Yumoto Onsen Tenseien or similar in Hakone) Return to Setagaya via bullet train
8 Oct Wednesday	Japanese cultural workshop Depart Tokyo
9 Oct Thursday	Arrive Perth

Note: the above activities are subject to weather conditions and the availability of the suppliers. An alternate activity with a similar type and standard will be arranged if an activity needs to be cancelled due to objective factors.



# How to Apply

- Complete the application online via SmartyGrants:

## **Student Application**

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## **Adult Application**

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- Pay \$750 deposit to the City by Monday 7 April 2025
- Attend interview day on Sunday 13 April 2025

