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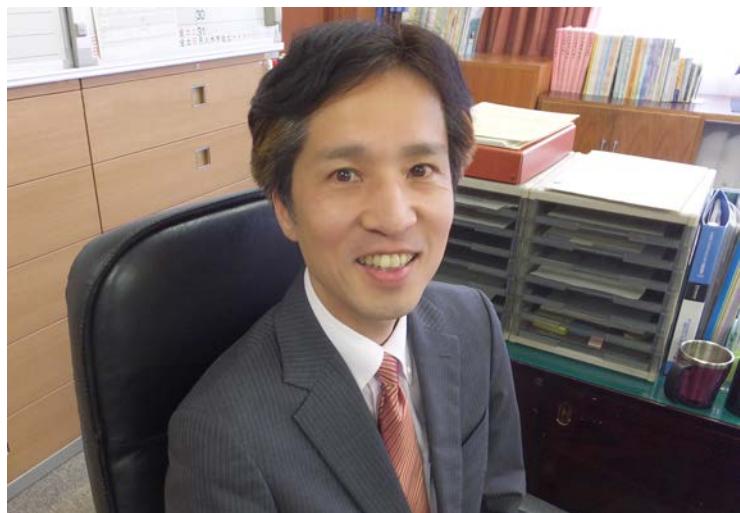
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KOISHIKAWA



KOISHIKAWA SECONDARY SCHOOL
TOKYO METROPOLITAN BOARD OF EDUCATION

FROM THE PRINCIPAL



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Principal
Koishikawa Secondary School
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In 2006, our school was established on the basis of Koishikawa High School, founded in 1918. It adopts a six-year education (Years 7 through 12) system, which will not allow admission in mid-course. Honoring this consistent family-like atmosphere, we encourage leadership among international-minded youth.

School Philosophy

As we have evolved since 1918, our philosophy is still based on our founder's original three pillars: **Determination, Exploration, and Creation.**

Our six-year curricula continues this philosophy with the three pillars of **Koishikawa Liberalism, Strength in Math and Science, and Development of International Minds.**

I. Koishikawa Liberalism

Our school is a liberal arts school, focusing on the importance of developing vast and profound knowledge. Students learn all subjects from different academic fields. There are no tracks such as a science-centered track, or humanities-centered track.

All Koishikawa students study in a seminar called Koishikawa Philosophy, which requires students to write a research-based article based on their broad range of knowledge. These seminars are one representation of Koishikawa liberalism.

II. Strength in Math and Science

Our school has long been known for providing high-level science and math education. Our school has been appointed as a Super Science High School (SSH) by the Japanese government. Government funding has enabled our school to provide students with a variety of science projects.

In addition, we are able to launch new projects in cooperation with the Science Council of Japan, universities, research labs, and science and math-focused schools overseas.

III. Development of International Minds

Students will be equipped with high English proficiency by following our curricula. All students join a three-day English training camp in Tokyo, a two-week study tour to Australia, and a school trip to Singapore. Using English effectively, students exchange their ideas with many people from different cultures.

Appointed as SSH, we integrate our focus on science and math with our goal of developing truly global citizens in real-world, participatory settings to launch new academic projects.

Through interesting courses, school events, club activities, and newly launched academic projects, students gain independence, creativity, and sensitivity. What we foster in our students is intellectual curiosity that would inspire one to know more and learn more deeply.

What Koishikawa aims at is respecting our students' individuality while developing their abilities to full extent, leading them to determine their aim in life, explore their interest, and thus create their own culture. We do this by providing motivating and eye-opening education.

SCHOOL MOTTO

DETERMINATION EXPLORATION CREATION



This motto was first preached by Choshichi Ito, the first principal of the school in 1918, and remains our motto to this day. We educate students to be able to determine their aim, explore their way, and create their culture. Following this motto, we encourage students to be independent and continue to apply this motto to life's challenges beyond graduation.

We expect our graduates to:

- (1) Keep a positive attitude and high spirits as they enhance their own ability and individuality, never complacent with their present capabilities.**
- (2) Acquire enriched education and sensitivity representing Japan in an international society.**
- (3) To apply their strengths in science, math, foreign language and diplomacy to take a leadership position in their chosen fields.**

CURRICULUM

Practicing Koishikawa Liberalism

Our Pillars: Koishikawa Liberalism, Science, Development of International Minds

Subjects (Credits) <School Year 2017>

First Year

Japanese Language (4.6), Social Studies (4),
Mathematics (5), Science (4), Music (1.5),
Fine Arts (1.5), Physical Education (3),
Industrial Arts and Homemaking (2),
English (5), Moral Education (1),
Koishikawa Philosophy I (1.4)

Second Year

Japanese Language (5), Social Studies (4),
Mathematics (4), Science (5), Music (1),
Fine Arts (1), Physical Education (3),
Industrial Arts and Homemaking (2),
English (5), Moral Education (1),
Koishikawa Philosophy II (1),
Period for Integrated Study (1)

Third Year

Japanese Language (4), Social Studies (5),
Mathematics (5), Science (5), Music (1),
Fine Arts (1), Physical Education (3),
Industrial Arts and Homemaking (1), English
(5), Moral Education (1), Koishikawa
Philosophy III (1), International
Understanding (1)

Fourth Year

Integrated Japanese Language (5),
Geography B (2), Ethics (2),
Mathematics I (2), Mathematics II (1),
Mathematics A (2), Basic Physics (1),

Basic Chemistry (1), Basic Biology (1),
Basic Earth Science (2), Elective Arts (2),
(Music I / Fine Arts I / Calligraphy I),
Physical Education (3), Health Education (1),
Communication English I (3), English
Expression I (2), Koishikawa Philosophy IV
(2), International Understanding (1),
Volunteer Social Service (1), Optional
Foreign Language (1),
(French /German / Chinese)

Fifth Year

Contemporary Japanese Language B (2),
Japanese Classics B (3), Japanese History B
(3), World History B (2), Mathematics II (3),
Mathematics B (3), Basic Physics 2 (3),
Basic Chemistry (2), Basic Biology (1),
Physical Education (2), Health Education (1),
Basic Home Economics (2), Communication
English II (3), English Expression II (2),
Information Study by Scientific Approach
(2), Optional Foreign Language (1),
(French /German / Chinese)

Sixth Year

Contemporary Japanese Language B (2),
Politics and Economy (2), Physical
Education (2), Communication English III
(3), English Expression II (2), Required
Elective Subjects (8), Special Courses (14)

SCIENCE AND INTERNATIONAL MINDS



SSH (SUPER SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL)

In 2011, the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports and Science & Technology designated our school as one of our nation's select Super Science High Schools, which aim to foster high-level students who will lead scientific technology in Japan and into the future. A specified budget enables us to do research in original curricula, and enables our students to have various experiments in science classes in cooperation with universities, research institutes and more. We take pride in our school being designated as SSH a second time in 2012, a third time in 2017, and working on diverse cooperative efforts with important science-related schools overseas.



EDUCATION FOR INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING

Our aim is for students to have communicative competence so that they can make good use of English as a communication tool. English classes are team-taught with native English-speaking ALTs and JETs (native speakers of English), keeping the student groups small for effective practice and retention. Through annual study tours in Japan and Australia and a school trip to Singapore, we raise students' practical English communicative ability to a higher level. For many years our students have learned from our unique staff of teachers from the USA, Australia, Canada and England, a powerful mix designed to foster truly global graduates.



ANNUAL SCHOOL CALENDAR

FIRST TERM

April - 1st Year Students' Entrance Ceremony

- Orientation

- 2nd ~ 6th Year One-Day School Excursion

May - Golden Week (Short Holiday)

- Midterm Examinations

June - 1st Year School Camp in the Mountains

July - Term Examinations

- Club Activity Camp

- Supplementary Classes

August - Summer Vacation

- 3rd Year Homestay/English

 - Study Tour - Australia

- Club Activity Camp

- Supplementary Classes

- 5th Year 5-Day Summer Camp

 - (Hong Kong Polytechnic University)

SECOND TERM

September - School Event Week

(School Concerts, Intramural Athletic Meets, School Festival)

October - Midterm Examinations

November - 2nd Year English Camp-(Tokyo)

December - Term Examinations

- Winter Break

THIRD TERM

January - Winter Break

February - Entrance Examinations

- 5th Year School Trip to Singapore

- Chorus Concert Competition

March - Final Examinations

- Graduation Ceremony

- Spring Break

SCHOOL EVENT WEEK

In September, we have three school events in a row: School Concerts, Athletic Meets, and the School Festival. The specific feature is that students think for themselves and create the events on their own initiative. School Event Week is the most time-honored traditional event in Koishikawa.

School Festival



School Concerts

Athletic Meets



EVENTS INVOLVING OVERNIGHT TRAVEL

1st Year - School Camp in the Mountains

With motivation, students set forth aims for their six years at Koishikawa and set goals for creative lives.



2nd Year - English Camp in Tokyo

Students live in a community using English only. This prepares them for being in other countries where Japanese is not spoken by the average citizen.

3rd Year - Homestay Study in Australia

Drawing on the Koishikawa classroom and the previous English Camp, our students stay with families in Adelaide for two weeks and go to school with their designated Australian school buddies, put what they have learned into real-world practice.

5th Year - School Trip to Singapore - Hong Kong Polytechnic University Summer Camp

Students visit schools and have discussions, in English, with host school students on the themes of their research projects, the future, and global society. They also make a one-day trip to Malaysia.



CLUB ACTIVITIES

Students enjoy the chance to get involved in various club activities. More than 90% of the students participate in club activities, which enrich their school life. They meet almost every day after school, and regularly on Saturdays and Sundays.

Arts and Academic Clubs

School Choir, Brass Band, Music Bands, Folk Song Club, Flower Arrangement Club, Astronomy Club, Chemistry Club, Manga Club, Drama Club, Biology Club, Tea Ceremony Club, English Club, Movie Club, Philharmonic Orchestra, Art Club, Computer Club, Cooking Club, Shogi and Chess Club, Physics Club, Literature Club



Sports Clubs

Soccer, Rugby, Soft Tennis, Tennis, Table Tennis, Baseball, Basketball, Volleyball, Badminton, Track and Field, Dance, Swimming, Judo, Kendo, Lacrosse

Student Council

For our students with political interests, the Student Council provides a practical, hands-on understanding of leadership roles. There are two major organizations. The first is a council meeting based on the National Diet meeting's rules of order. Elected from each homeroom, representatives hold meetings to discuss and make decisions on matters of student life.

The other is the Central Council led by the president of the Student Council, based on the Japanese government structure. Twelve students, elected by the student body, actively and eagerly put decisions into practice and lead various activities.



SCHOOL LIFE

Seven Classes Every Day

Most public high schools have six hours of classes in a day; each class is 50 minutes. Our school has seven hours* of classes in a day; each class is 45 minutes. As a result, we have 34 hours of classes a week.

School Timetable for 1st – 3rd Year

Attending School / Roll Call	8:25
1st period	8:35 – 9:20
2nd period	9:30 – 10:15
3rd period	10:25 – 11:10
4th period	11:20 – 12:05
Lunch Time	12:05 – 12:55
5th period	12:55 – 1:40
6th period	1:50 – 2:35
7th period	2:45 – 3:30
Short Homeroom	3:35
Cleaning	After Short Homeroom
Club Activity	4:00 – Closing
School Closing Time	4:50**

*For 4th to 6th-year students, we have 8th period for optional foreign language lessons (German / French / Chinese).

**Regarding club activities, students can stay at school until 6 p.m. if allowed by the teachers. In that case, school closing time is 6:30 pm.

School uniforms are worn daily from the first to the third year, becoming optional in the fourth year.





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