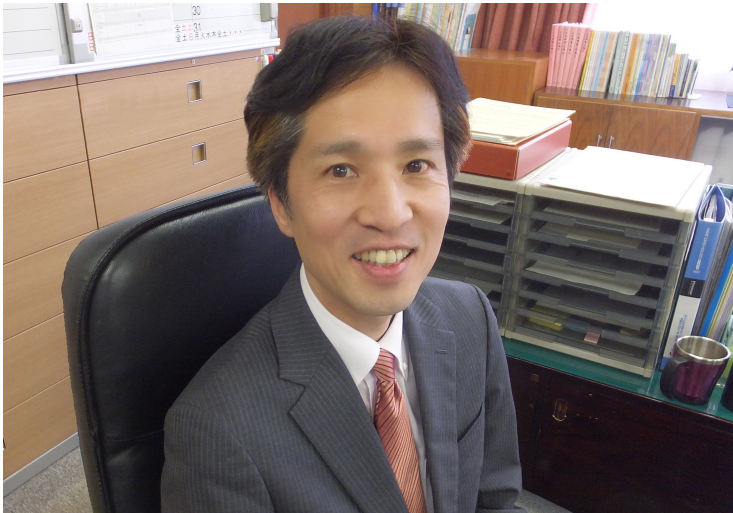


FROM THE PRINCIPAL



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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.