Dear Parent/Caregiver,

As you may be aware Hallett Cove School has an annual trip to Japan for students in Year 11. The trip to Japan is planned for **September 2013 (week 10 Term 3 & one week of September school holidays)**.

The exchange program with our sister school has been successfully run for more than 10 years, with a very strong relationship formed between Hallett Cove School and Kokubunji High School. Our Sister School Agreement was re-signed in 2009 for a further 10 year period.

Once we have determined the travel date we will share this with students and families.

**The cost** for the 2012 trip was around $3,600, which covered airfares, taxes, insurance, a 7-day rail pass, a ticket to Tokyo Disneyland, school gifts and all accommodation (including 6 nights’ hotel accommodation). On top of this the students will need about $600 spending money to cover snacks, breakfast, lunch and dinner for 6 days, temple entry fees, and local bus and train travel, shopping and other miscellaneous purchases. Students in the past have undertaken fundraising activities to cover some costs.

Also, in order for this program to continue, and continue successfully, we rely upon families from the school to be part of a reciprocal arrangement to host the student with whom your child will stay. If your family is sending your child to Japan we ask that you take part in **hosting a student from Kokubunji** during the **last week of March** so that you begin to build a relationship with the Japanese student with whom your child will stay. Even if your child is not going to Japan, throughout the year we need host families and so this letter is also about inviting your family to take part in hosting. It is a great opportunity to experience Japan without going anywhere!!!

Priority is given to students studying Japanese, but all Year 11 students are invited. It is not necessary for your student or family to understand Japanese. Our Japanese sister school actually likes their students to be in a situation where they have to speak English. There are regular meetings for students going to Japan for all of Term 2 and Term 3 where students can learn some phrases to help them get by. Each year we have taken 2 or 3 students who have not studied Japanese and they have loved every minute of the trip!

If you have any questions before then please feel free to contact anyone named below in International Programs at Hallett Cove School on: **8392 1020**.

Thank you for your support,

Di Schriever, Sue Orchard & Sadie Gomer  
(International Programs)

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Please fill in and tick the boxed if you are interested, and then return the forms to Ms Orchard or Mrs Gomer

☐ I/We are interested in sending our son/daughter on the Year 11 Hallett Cove School Trip to Japan in September/October 2013.

☐ I/We are able to host a Kokubunji High School student in March 2013.

**Student Name:** _____________________________________________________  **2012 HG:** __________

**Parent’s Signature:** ________________________________________________

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**October 2012**