



Community Languages Schools

Ambassador Program Student Profile



Siobhan Costello

My name is Siobhan Costello. I studied Japanese at the Japan Club of Sydney (JCS) in Ultimo from the age of 4 to 17.

Being bilingual has helped in developing my identity and given me advantages in life through knowing more than one language. Recently, I was given the opportunity to complete an internship at a local junior high school in Japan as part of my university degree. This has helped me fulfill my dream of wanting to be a teacher in near future.

Since graduating from school, I have remained a part of the community language school through voluntary work helping in the early childhood division and in other classrooms.



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Growing up, every Saturday was dedicated to studying Japanese at my community language school. It was not until I was in year four that I started struggling with my Japanese learning. After becoming closer with my classmates and understanding more about the benefits of speaking Japanese, I found that I wanted to grow my skills and developed an eagerness to be perfect so I could make everyone proud and show my respect and appreciation for their support throughout the years.

Each week my friends and I would catch up and talk about different things happening around us in Japanese. For me, the time spent with my friends is the most unforgettable memories of my days at JCS.

I want to tell all children studying their community languages to never give up. The feeling of being able to speak many languages is very rewarding. The struggles of learning your language will soon turn into many lifelong friendships and treasured memories.