



*As members of the APCC, we will become global citizens with an "OMOIYARI" spirit,
creating a more peaceful world where the smiles of children abound.*

The Australia-Japan Society of Victoria has been invited to select four children (2 boys and 2 girls) to attend the BRIDGE (Virtual Summer Camp) (Let's make friends around the world) which will be held over seven sessions with 5 being shared online with children from all over the world.

The virtual program will involve over 200 children (and accompanying chaperones) with the following aims:

- (1) Interact and exchange with children with Multi-Cultural backgrounds.
 - To experience many cultures around the world.
- (2) Communicate with foreign JAs through the Internet
 - To get to know many cultures around the world.
 - To experience many ways of online communication.
 - (1 to 1, 1 to many, many to many communication, etc.)
- (3) Foster friendship with children from many countries/regions
 - To have a fun time together and share wonderful memories.
 - To keep in touch after the program.

To participate in the program, selected children must be

- born between born between August 1st, 2009 and July 31st 2010;
- have an inquisitive nature and positive attitude;
- be personally willing to participate in BRIDGE Virtual Summer Camp and have a sincere interest in international exchange;
- be positive about participating in online meetings and actively communicate with other participants through the Internet.
- Be interested in UN Sustainable Development Goals
- Able to express themselves clearly and confidently in a virtual setting.

To enable as many children as possible to participate (due to different time zones and weekend schedules), APCC have decided to divide the participating delegations into two groups (with all Australian participants being assigned to the same group. In Australian times, the two sessions are early Saturday evening (6pm onwards) and Sunday lunchtime (11am onwards). Due to a significant number of sports being held on Sundays, Australia will be requesting to participate in the Saturday sessions – but we won't know which session we have been allocated to until May. It is essential that participants are available for all sessions (including those that are at the beginning and end of the Term 3 school holidays),

The selection process to choose the four children who will participate in the BRIDGE (Virtual) Summer Camp will consist of two stages:

1. The Society will consider all applications received by **Tuesday 18th May** and a short list will be created.
2. Short-listed children will then be invited to attend a Zoom on **either Tuesday 25th, Wednesday 26th or Thursday 27th May. Please note: a parent should also be available for 5 minutes at the beginning of the interview.**

Please ensure that you are available on at least one of the dates mentioned above as no alternative dates are available.

An orientation meeting will be held prior to the first online session – this will be in person on **Saturday July 24th** at a metropolitan location.

The five Summer Camp sessions will be held on (assuming Saturday allocation):

Saturday August 21 (1-2hrs)

Saturday September 4 (1-2hrs)

Saturday September 18 (start of holidays) (1-2hrs)

Saturday October 2 (end of holidays) (3hrs)

Saturday October 16 (3hrs)

A final session/celebration will be held on a date to be confirmed – likely to be **Saturday November 6th**.

For parents, there are a few requirements:

- Must be fully aware of the APCC vision.
- Must understand the aims of the program.
- Must be willing to support APCC requests, such as submitting requested documents, and should always be ready to cooperate with APCC.
- Must support their child (JA) 's computer skills and IT literacy.

A participation fee of \$25 per selected child will be payable at the first meeting. This will be forwarded to APCC to offset the cost/s of the program and organization.

The following documents must be forwarded by the required date (Tuesday May 18th) to apcc.australia@gmail.com

- **Junior Ambassador Application form**
- **Teacher's Insight (confidential and should not be provided to the student)**
- **Handwritten responses to the questions on the back of the application form**

Information for schools conducting selection:

Each school is permitted to nominate two children (one boy and one girl) to participate in the program. We encourage you to offer the opportunity to participate as widely as possible to children who meet the criteria. You should then undertake your own selection process to select the two candidates and only their applications should be forwarded to the Australia Japan Society of Victoria.