

MEDIA STATEMENT



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Sister City student tour a trip of a lifetime

A select group of school students have the opportunity to embark on the trip of a lifetime as part of the Bunbury-Setagaya Student Goodwill Visit later this year.

The City of Bunbury will be sending up to 16 Year 6 students and about four parents to our Sister City Setagaya for an 11-day visit during the October school holidays.

Not only will students reap the benefits of a cultural exchange in Setagaya, but they will also experience international air travel, the wonders of Japan's capital city Tokyo, plus exciting places that could include Tokyo Disneyland and Mt Fuji.

One of the highlights of the visit is always the homestay, where students meet and stay with a Japanese family and enjoy traditional Japanese culture.

Bunbury Mayor Gary Brennan said the Goodwill Visit was one of the many ways Bunbury and Setagaya continued to grow what was already a strong relationship.

"Our two cities have enjoyed a Sister City relationship for 25 years and it has brought many economic, cultural and social benefits," Mr Brennan said.

"Student exchanges have played an important part in fostering this relationship and it is always a pleasure to hear of the positive experiences from Bunbury's young ambassadors.

"Many past students still maintain contact with their homestay families, developing friendships that will last a lifetime."

Students in Year 6 and interested parents are invited to find out more at an information session on 17 March or 23 March. Those interested only need to attend one session and both will be held at the City of Bunbury function centre starting at 6pm.

To RSVP or for more information please email kmerwood@bunbury.wa.gov.au.

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