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## MEDIA RELEASE

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# JAPANESE EXCHANGE CELEBRATES 25 YEARS

St Monica's College, Epping and Takada High School have had an exchange program in place for 25 years and the program has seen the formation of many life-long friendships. This program has been running since 2012, when our College pioneered Japanese bilingual education in Victorian Catholic Secondary schools. The program sees students using Japanese in various subjects - Religious Education, Science, Humanities and Visual Art.

Over those years more than 600 students and staff have been involved in the program travelling to Japan whilst a similar number have visited St Monica's College, Epping.

Principal, Mr Brian Hanley, said the program is about opening the world to our students.

“Global citizenship is a very important part of life and this program aims to give our students a rich experience interacting with students from Japan. Many friendships have been borne out of this program and we continue to support the Takada Exchange Program. We welcome the 16 Takada students to St Monica's College, Epping.”

The students will take part in a range of College classes and will also have the opportunity to visit iconic tourist spots around Victoria with their home stay families.

Best media opportunity:      Wednesday 21 March at 10:00am  
   Other times by arrangement

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