To be completed by overseas schools seeking sister school partnerships with a Victorian school. Please email it in **MS Word** format to [international@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:international@edumail.vic.gov.au).

The information you provide here will help Victorian schools to get to know your school and form a decision if they wish to start the conversation of a sister school partnership. Please answer each question in full. Please type your responses.

School Name **Chiben 　Gakuen　Wakayama High School**

School Sector  Government **X** Non-Government

School Type **X** Primary **X** Secondary **X** Prep-Year 12  Other

Enrolment Number of students **1935** Number of teachers **150**

School registration number

Name of registration authority **The board of Education in Wakayama**

School Address **2066-1 Fuyuno**

City **Wakayama** State/Province **Wakayama**

Country **Japan**

School Phone Number **073-479-2811** Fax No **073-479-1190**

School Website **Chiben Gakuen Wakayama**

Name of Principal  **Kiyoshi Fujita**

Name of Contact Person **Kazuhide Kitamura**

Position of Contact Person **English teacher / Coordinator of the Exchange**

Email of Contact Person **kkitamura@wakayama.chiben.ac.jp**

1. Please provide a brief explanation outlining why you wish to establish a sister school relationship with a school in Victoria:

In fact, we have had a warm relationship between St.Leonard’s College and Chiben

Gakuen Wakayama for 27 years. Over 1000 students visited Melbourne and about 600

Australian visited us. Due to the Principal changed, we have to give up this bond any more.

We want to know of people, culture and lives of Melbourne more.

1. What does your school hope to achieve from a sister school relationship?

**To strengthen relationships, understanding and appreciation between people in Wakayama, Japan and an Australian school in Victoria**

**To increase cultural awareness and respect for each other cultures**

**To provide opportunities for students and teachers to develop skills which enhance Australia – Japan relationships**

**To build an international perspective within the school**

1. What activities does your school propose to undertake to implement the program?

**We can exchange of student work, email, homestay, camping to promote mutual understanding.**

**We can organize the classes or groups of students to collaborate in curriculum such as Japanese, art, music and field trips.**

**We will endeavor to maintain student, teacher and administrator exchange programs to provide the opportunity to study, work and live in the sister school community.**

**We can exchange of leadership development information between principals.**

1. What financial and other resources is the school prepared to commit to this program?

**During the homestay, a hosting school will pay everything at school, and a host family at home.**

**Homestay would be 2 weeks.**

1. How do you anticipate the program will be sustained by the school?

**We are a private school, so financially no problem. We are really looking for a key person who would be a coordinator. We have experienced this for 27 years.**

1. How does your school intend to evaluate the effectiveness and benefits of the program to the school?

**After the exchange, we can see students’ dreams, their hopes and their expectations have all been fulfilled.**

**Exchange program has a positive impact on both students.**

**We can see both students’ academic and extra-curricular accomplishments, such as success on entering universities.**

**Principal’s endorsement:**

**Kiyoshi Fujita**

(Signature and print name here)

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