

Schools in Australia

Suggestions on how to use the worksheet:

- Teachers can show the students some photos and short videos of Australian schools and classrooms before starting the worksheet. There are some photos on the Downloadable Contents Page at the TMAA website. Also, there are short videos at the YouTube channels of Education of Queensland, New South Wales, etc.
- Students are able to find out the similarities and differences in school activities and subjects between Australian and Japanese schools.

Explanation:

- Class time: In Australia, a typical class is 35 minutes long which is shorter compared to that of Japanese schools.
- Foreign language studies: This is only options for students in Australia High Schools. (Year 7-12).
- Long holidays: Generally, summer holidays are between December and February and winter holidays are in July, though there are slight differences among states or schools. In addition, there is a two-week Easter break in March or April, as well as September.

Answers for:

Question 1

- a. Do Australian schools have uniforms?

Not all schools, but the majority of both public and private schools have uniforms.

- b. Do Australian schools provide lunch for students?

No. Students bring their own lunch to school, but they can also buy lunch at school shops.

- c. Do Australian schools have a break in the mid-morning?

Yes. It is called 'morning tea' or 'recess'.

- d. Do Australian schools have time for cleaning up classrooms?

No. Classrooms are cleaned by professional cleaners, not by students.

Question 4 It depends on the states. Indonesian, Italian, Japanese and Mandarin(Chinese) are popular in most states.

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