



Seishin Junior High School · Seishin Girls' High School

Seishin's History

In 1886 French Missionary Sisters established a school in Okayama city which was named the Okayama Girls' school. Fifteen years later this school was renamed to Seishin Girls' High School. In 1924, Sister Marie Claire and five other nuns from the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur in the United States came to Okayama to head the administration of the school with Sister Marie Claire becoming principal. In 1947 the school was reorganized into Seishin Girls' High School and Seishin Junior High School. In 1964 both schools relocated to their current location in Futago, Kurashiki City, and in 2006 celebrated **the 120th anniversary** of the original school's foundation.



Our School Motto

In the spirit of Saint Julie Billiart we carry the following motto:

Purify your heart and be a person of love.

We strive to raise confident but modest students who are considerate of the well-being of others.



Moral Education

At Seishin we provide an education that is based on moral principles of religious teachings. Students attend weekly religious classes and meditate before class. The principal provides **spiritual messages** that encourage students to think about their education and about ethical issues. In May, on Saint Julie Billiart Day, students participate in various charity events. During December, the school holds a **Christmas celebration**.



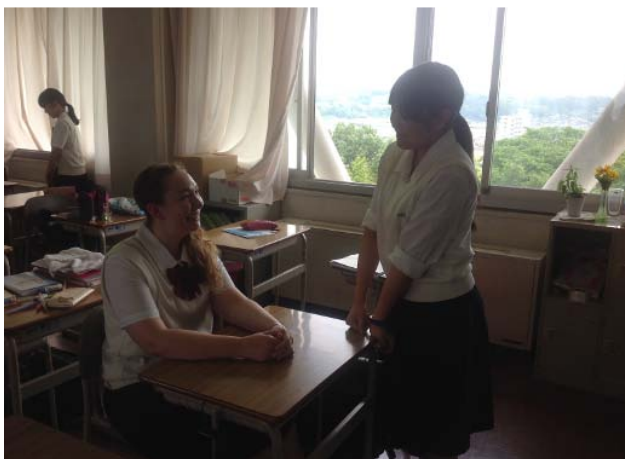
Message from Our Principal

With young leaves fluttering in the fresh breeze and warm sunshine, everything at Seishin is welcoming new life with a glad heart. We nurture the potential ability of every student learning at our school and help her to improve it. I hope you will grow greatly through relationships with others, contact with nature and a variety of school events.



English Education – A step towards cross-cultural understanding

We provide students with numerous opportunities to familiarize themselves with English, both inside and outside the school. In addition to our standard **Seishin English Language Program (SELP)**, we offer a **Native English Language Program (NELP)** for advanced students of English. Both programs are comprehensive in their scope, and allow all students to receive instruction from Japanese and native speaking teachers.





At the end of their second year, junior high school students participate in an **English camp**, where they spend three days and two nights with native English speakers. Students are expected to conduct all conversations with the native speakers in English.

During the summer vacation, third-year junior high school students take a 2-week trip to **Australia** and stay with a host family. While there, students attend an English language school where they have English classes and participate in a range of activities. Not only does this excursion provide students with an excellent opportunity to practice English in an English-speaking environment, but it also provides them with the opportunity to experience another culture first hand.

Seishin Girls' High School has an overseas study program. During the spring, students are able to go on an exchange to **Notre Dame San Jose High School** in California, USA. There is also the opportunity for students to go to **Martin Luther High School** in Wisconsin, USA, on an extended one-year stay. In return, Seishin welcomes students from **Blair High School** and **Notre Dame San Jose High School** in June. The students study Japanese language, society and culture and enjoy interacting with Seishin students during their exchange. Every spring break, 1st and 2nd grade students in high school can participate in the **Borneo** study program, and students can earn credit from this towards graduation. As a part of the project of **SSH**, students go to **Malaysia** to understand tropical biodiversity for 10 days.



Club Activities

Students get great fulfillment through working together creatively to achieve goals. School clubs are a great place to do this: they are great fun and allow students to get to know one another better. At Seishin, students are able to participate in a variety of club activities. From sport's clubs such as tennis, volleyball and swimming, to musical clubs, such as the orchestra, hand bell choir and rock band, to more academically oriented clubs, such as the science club, English club and drama club, there is a club at Seishin for every interest.





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