



Welcome to MIKI HIGH SCHOOL



Be Global! Be Ambitious! Be Attractive!

Welcome to MIKI HIGH SCHOOL. We are located in Hyogo Prefecture, Japan, about one hour outside of Kobe. There are three grades (1st, 2nd, and 3rd), each with 6 homeroom classes, with around 40 students in each class.

School Life

This is an average day at MIKI HIGH SCHOOL.

Time	Period and Description
8:30 am	Short homeroom - Morning announcements and information.
8:40-9:30 am	First period
9:40-10:30 am	Second period
10:40-11:30 am	Third period
11:40-12:30 pm	Fourth period
12:30-1:10 pm	<i>Lunch</i>
1:15-2:05 pm	Fifth period
2:15-3:05 pm	Sixth period
3:15-4:05 pm	Seventh period (only on Mondays and Thursdays)
Afterschool~	<i>Short homeroom followed by club activities.</i> Most students at Miki participate in club activities. There are 27 clubs in total, ranging from Baseball to Tea Ceremony.



Main School Events

Opening Ceremony

The school year begins in early April.

Orientation/School Trip

The new First Years have their orientation and are shown around their new school. Second and Third Years have a field trip, either to Universal Studios Japan, or to Kyoto.

Culture Festival

First Years create exhibits in their homeroom classrooms; Second Years perform dramas or a skit on stage; Third Years open their own delicious food stalls. People from the local community come to watch and support the students.

Ball Games

At the end of each semester in Miki, students compete in interclass ball game tournaments.

Summer Vacation

Summer vacation starts in late July and lasts until August 31st. Students may still come to school for club activities, with a lot of sports clubs holding training camps. Some selected students can also go on fieldtrips to Miki's sister schools, with Wanneroo Secondary College in Australia, and Coulommiers High School in France.

Sports Festival

Students compete in both an interclass and intergrade sports competition.

Winter Vacation

Winter Vacation starts at the end of December. New Year, or *Shougatsu*, is the most important holiday in Japan and people will typically return to their hometown to celebrate with their family.

School Trip

The Second Years can enjoy a school trip, with classes 2 through 6 going on a skiing trip to Hokkaido, and class 1 (the GDAC class) going on an international trip to Los Angeles, in the United States.

Graduation

After months of hard work and examinations, on the last day of February the Third Years have their Graduation Ceremony (*Sotsugyoushiki*). Most students at Miki will go on to further their education at University.

Closing Ceremony

The school year ends at Miki in mid to late March. The students have spring vacation before starting the next school year.



Global Department of Academic Careers

Miki High School is a school with a global outlook. The first class from each grade (1-1, 2-1 and 3-1) are part of the GDAC course (Global Department of Academic Careers). This course has a special focus on English, and international studies. They often host students from foreign countries, and take part in international events.

First Years

First years in the GDAC course have a year-long research project on a global issue. Previous topics include issues of gender equality, racism, and education. At the end of the year, the first years present their research at the Miki High School Global Department Presentation Conference.

Second Years

In their second year, members of the GDAC course are able to take part in a field trip to a partner school in California, in the United States. They participate in a homestay with American families, go sightseeing, and visit Cerritos High School for a cultural exchange experience. In addition, second year students also give presentation on international topics, with previous ones including everything from Food Loss to Japanese Mascot Characters, or *Yurukyara*. These presentations are performed in English, with a question and answer session afterwards.

Third Years

Like the majority of students at Miki High School, the GDAC third year students are preparing for their University Entrance Exams. At this stage in their high school lives, the students are mentors and guides to the younger year groups, offering help and advice, and MC-ing international events. The third years also take part in Model United Nations. Each group conducts research on the country that they represent. Students are tasked with researching a certain agenda, and then holding a discussion. Past agendas have included increasing the use of renewable energy and reducing carbon emissions.

