



AGENDA: Thursday 5th February 2025 4:00 for 4:30pm
Venue: Griffith University Gold Coast Campus G39_1.19 (Science, Engineering & Architecture Building) Across from the main entrance to the building on the ground floor

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- + Welcome
- + Apologies:
- + Confirmation of the Agenda
- + Minutes of previous meeting and Business Arising
- + President's Report:
 - The Queensland Centre for Japanese Language and Studies (QCJLS) is pleased to announce that study grants for teachers to travel to Japan in December 2026/January 2027 are being offered again in 2026. To participate in the grant program, teachers are required to devise their own travel, accommodation and study plan, usually comprising at least 3 weeks in Japan and a minimum of 60 hours of formal study. Application forms and guidelines are available from: Anne Platt email: qpje@uq.edu.au
 - Queensland Centre for Japanese Language and Studies 2026 Professional Development Grants for Japanese Language Teachers. The Queensland Centre for Japanese Language and Studies (QCJLS, formerly the Queensland Program for Japanese Education) was established by The University of Queensland and Griffith University with an endowment from The Tokyo Foundation to promote Japanese language education in Queensland and the Northern Territory. One of the major components of this Program is the provision of professional development opportunities for practising Japanese language teachers to further enhance their language skills.

Applications are invited for grants towards enrolment costs in approved Japanese language courses to be completed by 30 September 2027. Successful applicants will receive up to \$2,500 towards the cost of tuition fees and related costs to undertake an approved language course at a Queensland university (e.g. summer semester or Institute of Modern Languages courses) or on-line (e.g. Japan Foundation, Sydney course). The aim of these grants is to assist teachers to upgrade their language skills. Applicants must be non-native speakers of Japanese (i.e., have completed the majority of their education outside Japan) and be full-time or part-time (at least 0.4) teachers of Japanese language at primary or secondary school level in Queensland. Applications must be received by close of business Friday 27 March 2026. Requests for application forms and guidelines for applicants should be directed to:

Anne Platt QCJLS Email: qpje@uq.edu.au
Application deadline: Friday 27 March 2026

- ✚ Webmaster's Report:
- ✚ Treasurer's Report:
- ✚ Gianfranco PD this year, Friday 10 May or Monday 18 May.
- ✚ Election of Officers for 2026

The Gold Coast Branch Executive in 2025 consisted of:

President:	Dr Leigh Kirwan, Griffith University
Vice President :	Cathryn Very, Benowa State High School
Secretary:	Jackie Mikami, St Andrew's
Treasurer:	Peter Nyberg, Beenleigh State High School
Speech Contest Convenor:	Aileen Seidman, St Steven's College
Professional Development:	Cathy Galligan, Benowa State School
Print & Multimedia Contest Convenor:	Simone Sebban, St Hilda's School
Webmaster:	Giovanni Picariello. Southport State High School

- ✚ General Business
- ✚ PD proposed program: call for volunteers, suggestions

Proposed dates for 2026: All in G39_1.19

Thu 05 March
Thu 26 March
Thu 07 May
Thu 04 June
Thu 16 July
Thu 06 August
Sun 16 August GC Languages Speech Contest at Griffith University Gold Coast Campus
Thu 03 September
Thu 08 October
Thu 05 November

Christmas Party Thu 26 Nov

Future meetings:

Thu 05 March

GC LTQ

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Dinner this month: Atrium Bar, Southport Sharks



Attending Languages Teachers Qld meeting

3:30pm – 6:30pm

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