



# Brighton Secondary School

## Japan Study Trip 2024

### Day 5 – Thursday

With breakfast bought the night before and our suitcases packed and ready we began an early start at 6.30am to catch two trains from Shinkansen to Hiroshima. While we ate ekiben and konbini food, we were able to look out the windows at the beautiful hills and fields of the Japan countryside. We caught a brief glimpse of Mount Fuji and Himeji castle on our way.

When we got to Hiroshima, we dropped our bags at the hotel and walked through the intense heat and humidity to get to the Hiroshima Peace Park. There, we walked past Genbaku dome, the last standing building in the hyper-centre and took a moment to commemorate Sadoko, who passed from leukaemia before she reached her goal of making 1000 paper cranes, and the many children who lost their lives.

We then walked through the silent halls of the Peace Museum looking at the belongings left by victims and read about the tragedies of nuclear weapons.

After a heavy experience at the museum, we ended the day on a positive note, with a bit of shopping in Hiroshima mall and some delicious Hiroshima style okonomiyaki. We then turned in early for a good night's rest in our antique style hotel.

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