



KONAN GIRLS'
Junior & Senior High School
SCHOOL GUIDE

甲南女子学園

甲南女子中学校・甲南女子高等学校

Konan Girls' Learning

Konan Girls' School, established in 1920, consists of a junior and a senior high school and is affiliated with Konan Women's University.

There are six grades: three in the junior high and three in the senior high school.

The total enrollment is around 1050 students.

The student body of each grade is divided into five classes.

The faculty includes 58 full-time teachers, the principal, the head teacher, two vice head teachers and 36 part-time teachers.

School Spirit

To develop a moral sensibility

School Motto

Be pure, be just, be gentle and be strong

School Emblem

The design of the school emblem symbolizes the school motto. The straight lines of the hexagram symbolize justice, the white snow purity, and the clover gentleness.



Principles of Education

To create well-balanced women

To respect individual ability

To promote the intrinsic value of learning

Konan Girls' Junior and Senior High School pursues an ideal education, which is to bring up independent women who have intelligence and dignity and to prepare them to go forward in their own lives and in society in a positive manner.



Characteristics of the Curriculum



There are two courses, the **Special Advanced Course** and the **Standard Course**.

In the Special Advanced Course, the curriculum has been designed for students who wish to go on to national and other public universities. In the Standard Course, the curriculum has been designed for students with diverse future plans.

The education system of Konan Girls' School is structured in three stages, which transcend the usual boundaries between junior and senior high school.

First Stage

Secondary School Fundamentals

The 7th and 8th grades are what we call the fundamental period. During this stage the students establish the basic academic skills necessary for their studies at Konan. It also serves as a transition period from the cooperative atmosphere of elementary school to the more competitive spirit of high school. English education is a core focus. English conversation is taught by native speakers of English and computer assisted language learning is available.

Second Stage

Academic Development

The 9th and 10th grade students are in the stage where they enhance and more sharply define their academic abilities and begin to identify and focus on areas of interest they wish to pursue.

Third Stage

Post-Secondary Preparation

The 11th and 12th grade students in this final stage actively pursue the disciplines that are related to their future interests in academia and their future careers. The students are offered a variety of elective courses taught in relatively small classes in which students set their post-secondary education goals. In these grades students have many opportunities to develop leadership skills.



Characteristics of Konan Education



How do Konan Girls grow in their six years at Konan?



To be a sensible, independent and refined woman

Meditation, Interdisciplinary Studies, Volunteer Activities



To cultivate potential abilities

English Education,
International Understanding,
Information Technology Education,
Career Guidance,
Education on the Environment
and Human Rights



To be a good member of society

Student Council, Alumni Association,
Lectures by graduates of Konan Girls' High School,
Practical experience in kindergarten and nursery schools



To enjoy school life

Club Activities
School Festivals



Additional Aspects of Education



International Understanding

Full-year Exchange Programs

Dietrich-Bonhoeffer Gymnasium (Hilden, Germany)
Queenswood (London, the United Kingdom)

Two-month Exchange Program

St. Margaret's Anglican Girls School (Brisbane, Australia)

Programs by Other Organizations:

American Field Service (AFS), Youth for Understanding (YFU),
and other organizations endorsed by the Ministry of Education,
Science and Culture

Summer or Spring Holiday Programs

Homestay / ESL program in Canada
Homestay / School Visit programs
in the USA and Australia
English courses through
the Bell Educational Trust in the UK



Interdisciplinary Studies

Students have opportunities in interdisciplinary studies where two teachers from different subjects synthesize the knowledge of their fields in one class. Our students can also become engaged in practical research on current topics. Some examples are Community Studies (focus on the Osaka and Kobe areas), Life Science, Welfare and Coexistence (focus on the care of the elderly and handicapped), Multicultural Studies, Life Philosophy, and Peace.





Curriculum

This curriculum is old. For the latest curriculum, please contact us on the Japanese website or by phone.



Junior High School

1st Year

Special Advanced Course
Standard Course
Japanese
Social Studies
Mathematics
Science
Music
Fine Arts
Physical Education
Home Economics
English
Moral Education

2nd Year

Special Advanced Course
Standard Course
Japanese
Social Studies
Mathematics
Science
Music
Fine Arts
Physical Education
Home Economics
English
Peace Studies

3rd Year

Special Advanced Course
Standard Course
Japanese
Social Studies
Mathematics
Science
Music
Fine Arts
Physical Education
Home Economics
English
Moral Education

Senior High School

1st Year

Special Advanced Course	Standard Course
Japanese	Japanese
World History	World History
Politics and Economics	Japanese History
Mathematics	Mathematics
Basic Physics	Basic Physics
Basic Chemistry	Basic Biology
Basic Biology	Physical Education
Physical Education	Health Education
Health Education	English Communication
English Communication	English Expression
English Expression	Basic Home Economics
Basic Home Economics	Music / Calligraphy / Fine Arts
Music / Calligraphy / Fine Arts	Interdisciplinary Studies
Interdisciplinary Studies	

2nd Year

Special Advanced Course	Standard Course
Contemporary Japanese	Contemporary Japanese
Japanese Classics	Japanese Classics
Geography	Contemporary Society
Ethics	Physical Education
Mathematics	Health Education
Physical Education	English Communication
Health Education	English Expression
English Communication	Basic Home Economics
English Expression	Music / Calligraphy / Fine Arts
Basic Home Economics	Mathematics
Music / Calligraphy / Fine Arts	Basic Chemistry
World History / Japanese History / chemistry	World History / Japanese History / chemistry
Biology	Elective Subjects

3rd Year

Special Advanced Course	Standard Course
Contemporary Japanese	Contemporary Japanese
Japanese Classics	Japanese Classics
Ethics	Ethics
Physical Education	Physical Education
English Communication	English Communication
English Expression	English Expression
Society and Information	Society and Information
Math	Math
World History / Japanese History	Chemistry
Geography	Biology / Physics
Biology / Physics	Elective subjects
Chemistry	

School Facilities



Auditorium



Tea Ceremony House



Library



Cafeteria



Chemistry Room



CALL Room



Gymnasium



Kyudo Field



Extra-curricular Club Activities



Archery, Basketball, Japanese Archery, Soft Tennis, Softball, Swimming, Table Tennis, Tennis, Track and Field, and Volleyball



Sports



Art, Broadcasting, Calligraphy, Creative Writing, Drama, English Speaking Society, Flower Arrangement, Gardening, History and Geography, Junior Red Cross, Koto, Newspaper, Orchestra, Photography, Science, and Tea Ceremony, Chorus, Dance.

Culture



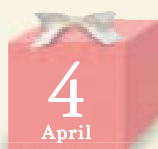
School Calendar



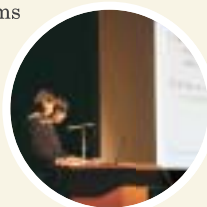
Spring Seminar for new students ●

1st Term

- Commencement ●
- School Festival ●



- One-day Study Tour to Hiroshima ●
- Mid-term exams ●



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- School Trip to Okinawa ●
- School Trip to Minamata ●
- English Drama Contest ●



- Chorus Contest ●
- End-of-term Exams ●
- Winter Vacation ●



- End-of-term Exams ●
- Ball Sports Festival ●
- Extra Lessons ●



- ## 3rd Term
- Entrance Exams to Konan Girls' Junior High School ●



- Summer Vacation ●
- Homestay Programs in Canada and Australia ●
- Supplementary Lessons ●



- Graduation Ceremony ●
- Ski Trip ●



2nd Term



- End-of-year Exams ●
- Spring Vacation ●



Konan Girls' History

In 1920 Konan Girls' School was founded by progressive business people who dreamed of giving their children an ideal education based on liberalism, in contrast to the rigidly uniform education given by most schools in those days.

In 1923 Omote Jinroku became the first principal and in the following twenty-two years established the foundation of the education of Konan: the school's mottoes, its principles of education, the school emblem, and the school song.

Over ninety-odd years Konan has surmounted various disasters, such as great floods, wartime fires and the great Hanshin Earthquake, and has continued to develop, adding Konan Women's University and Graduate School.

With the great change in women's circumstances, girls are more inspired to seek professional roles in the world. Accordingly, Konan helps students to choose and prepare for their future careers.

In 2009 construction of a new school building was begun to commemorate the school's 90th anniversary. With completion of the building in March of 2012, Konan has taken a significant step toward another decade of progress.



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