

About Yuhigaoka High School

Yuhigaoka High School was founded in 1906 as the third girls' high school in Sennencho Minami-ku in Osaka. The old name was Osaka Prefectural Shimanouchi Girls' High School. The school's aim has been to raise students with rich aesthetic sensitivity and dignity. Since 1906, this school has had a long and rich history full of traditions.



In 1948, the school name was changed to Osaka Prefectural Yuhigaoka High School after exchanging students with Tennoji Boys' High School through the postwar educational reform system. In 1995, the current modern buildings were constructed, and as it says in our school song, "the calm and chalky white buildings" still remain. In that same year, the school launched a designated music course as a main study, which is unique to Yuhigaoka in Osaka Prefecture.

We have about 960 students, including 120 music course students. Most of them belong to some after-school clubs. We believe that through these club activities, they can improve themselves and enrich their school lives.

Other than study, the students work on various kinds of extracurricular activities, such as Sports Day, and our School Festival. On Sports Day, they not only do athletic competitions competing against one another, but they also do dancing, which is the centerpiece of Sports Day. On School Festival day, they play dramas and sell different kinds of food at snack stands.

Four main goals for our students

- ① **To improve academic ability**
- ② **To foster a spirit of independence**
- ③ **To promote international exchange activities**
- ④ **To promote high-quality music education**



About the third goal, we have had five foreign exchange students studying with us from Mongolia, Canada, Austria, New Zealand, and China. Each foreign student has made their best effort to master the Japanese language and to learn about Japanese culture since they came to Yuhigaoka High School. And in turn, our Japanese students are influenced by them and have learned about different cultures first hand. Over all the foreign students have had a great effect on the students at Yuhigaoka High School.

Furthermore, every two years, about 80 Yuhigaoka students go to Vienna to study at the home of classical music. In addition, every two years, another 30 or so of our students also go to an English-speaking county for English study and to homestay with local families. The teachers at Yuhigaoka High School strive hard to develop satisfying educational opportunities for our students through each of these goals.