

## FROM THE LOTE DEPARTMENT

### Japanese Assistant

The LOTE Department would like to welcome our new Japanese Assistant, **Emi Maruki**. Emi comes from Fukuoka on the Japanese island of Kyūshū. She will be at Radford for the next three terms. She will be assisting in Japanese classes and is also available for tutoring individual students. Emi will be hosted by Radford families throughout her time in Canberra and we are currently seeking a family willing to welcome her into their home for Term 3.

### French Assistant

We also would like to welcome **Arnaud Bourgineaud** who has come to us from the University of Canberra, where he is studying Business Management. Arnaud is from Strasbourg in the north east of France and he will be in school for two days per cycle working in the role of a language assistant. We are fortunate to have found someone as keen and competent as Arnaud on our doorstep.

### Japan Trips – past and future

Finally, we had a very successful trip to Japan during the April holidays. Twenty-three students from Year 10 participated in the tour led by Ms A Cole, Mr B Greer and Mrs D Fitzpatrick. We all had home stay in Kure, just outside Hiroshima, which was very exciting and challenging for the students as far as putting their language skills into practice was concerned. We then travelled to the ancient capital Kyoto and took in some of the wonderful shrines and temple, and had a unique experience interviewing a *maiko* (dancing girl/apprentice geisha). Our last week was spent in Tokyo, a city with a population as large as that of Australia. It was definitely an eye-opener for the students, and they were able to experience first-hand what it was like to live with no personal space. They are now back at school, and it is encouraging to see their renewed commitment to their language studies and witness their enhanced knowledge and language capabilities. In September this year there will be 22 Year 9 students visiting Japan, with Mrs D Fitzpatrick leading this group too.