

About Yoko Costelloe – Chilverleigh’s Japanese Teacher

Yoko Costelloe started her career as a physiotherapist in Japan before deciding teaching was her true calling. She went back to university and became a teacher. She moved to Australia and undertook further university study here, graduating with a diploma of interpreting and translation and a certificate of community language teaching.

She is highly motivated, knowledgeable and skilled at teaching Japanese. She has taught Japanese at various language schools before establishing the Hornsby Japanese School where she is the Principal and a teacher.



Yoko Costelloe teaching the children at Chilverleigh.

She teaches at Chilverleigh Early Learning Centre on Monday and Thursday following a specially designed syllabus that is age appropriate and uses vocabulary that is familiar to the children’s daily life. This includes greetings, food, colour, weather, parts of the body, clothing and animals. By exposing the children to Japanese sounds from a native Japanese speaker they practice pronouncing Japanese words correctly.

The classes are highly enjoyable with Yoko keeping the children entertained as they learn through the use of visuals, music, dancing and craft.