

# Equipping for Life



Our mission is to create the most progressive private Christian international school in Japan for people of all nationalities.

**The nation of Japan** was largely isolated for centuries due to geography and a confined world view. Following World War II, a growing number of foreigners set foot on Japanese soil as businesses created partnerships with Japanese corporations and sent employees and their families to Japan.

An international perspective, awareness, and education are indispensable tools for today's students and tomorrow's leaders.

**In 1964** following the closure of a local mission school's kindergarten and at the request of parents, Mrs. Yoshiko Burke opened and began operating Oishi Preschool. She created a curriculum by combining her Christian beliefs and English language teaching methods with a love for children. These values and methods still form the foundation for instruction at Mikage International Preschool (MIP) and Ashiya International School (AIS) today.

“My desire is for students graduating from AIS not only to speak multiple languages but also to understand the cultures from which the languages originated. Only then can a person become fluent in a language.”

—Jay Burke, Principal



## Building Firm Foundations

We strive to maintain a solid foundation on Christian values. We believe that all wisdom and knowledge ultimately comes from God. The values that determine how we discipline and care for each child and family come from the bible.



## Located Between Kobe and Osaka

Just south of Ashiya Seaside Town, Shio Ashiya's beach and mountain views are beautiful in all seasons. This progressive island community features several parks and facilities including sports and fitness clubs. Ashiya City is home to unique shopping and dining with convenient access to all major area transportation and roads.

*“It's amazing! Children speak both English and Japanese with ease, verbally express their feelings, and care for each other.”*  
—first-time visitor