

# 福岡大学附属若葉高等学校 (ふくおかだいがくふぞくわかばこうとうがっこう)

Private School Co-ed Fukuoka University Affiliated Wakaba High School Fukuoka University Affiliated Wakaba High School

School Name: Fukuoka University Affiliated Wakaba High School

Public/Private: Private School

Operator: Fukuoka University Educational Foundation

Motto: Strength, Righteousness, Kindness

Founded: June 1907 (Meiji 40)

Founder: Shinpei Kamase
Co-ed or Single-sex: Co-ed
Curriculum: Full-time Program

Credit-based or Year-based: Year-based

Academic Programs: General Studies

Specialized Courses within the General Studies: Integrated High School-University

Shinpei Kamase

Course, Global Course, Special Advancement Course

School Term System: Three-Term System

Postal Code: 810-0062

Location: 3-4-62 Arato, Chuo-ku, Fukuoka City, Fukuoka Prefecture

Fukuoka University Affiliated Wakaba High School (Fukuoka University Affiliated Wakaba Kōtō Gakkō) is a private high school located in 3-chome Arato, Chuo-ku, Fukuoka City, Fukuoka Prefecture. It is commonly referred to as "Wakaba" or "Fukudai Wakaba".

### Overview

### History

The school traces its origins to the founding of the "Kyushu Higher Girls' School" in 1907 (Meiji 40). In 1948 (Showa 23), following the post-war education system reform, it became "Kyushu Girls' High School", a sister school to Fukuoka Women's Junior College. In 1980, the high school and junior college were separated into different

legal entities. In line with Fukuoka University's policies of "high school-university integration" and "high school-university connection" from 2007, the high school requested a merger, which was completed on April 1, 2010. It was renamed Fukuoka University Affiliated Wakaba High School and became affiliated with the university. The school celebrated its 105th anniversary in 2012.

### Academic Programs and Departments

Full-time General Studies Program:

- Integrated High School-University Course: Aims for progression to Fukuoka University.
- Special Advancement Course: Aims for progression to national and public universities.
- Global Course: Includes a three-month study abroad program in New Zealand, fostering talent for international careers.

### **School Motto**

"Strength, Righteousness, Kindness"

#### School Emblem

With the establishment of Wakaba High School, a new school emblem was introduced. It combines a cherry blossom petal, representing Nishi Park near the school, with the image of young leaves (Wakaba) from the school's name. The letter "W", the initial of "Wakaba", is placed at the center. The top of the emblem features the English name "Wakaba High School." The school color is crimson.

## School Song

The school song, composed in 1926 (Taisho 15) during the girls' school era, continues to be used at Wakaba High School. The lyrics were written by Anjiro Ikejiri, and the music was composed by Yoshio Nakai, both of whom were teachers at the time. The song has only one verse, and the school's name is not mentioned.

- The gymnasium includes an indoor pool, a martial arts room, and a dance floor on the first floor, and volleyball and basketball courts on the second floor. There are also separate training rooms and second and third gyms.
- The school has a cafeteria.
- The dormitory is called "Kaisei Dormitory".



#### **Alumni Association**

The alumni association is called "Wakaba-kai".

## **School History**

## Former Kyushu Higher Girls' School

- 1907 (Meiji 40) Founded as "Private Kyushu Higher Girls' School" by Shinpei Kamase, the first principal.
- 1911 (Meiji 44) First graduation ceremony held, with 50 students graduating.
- 1916 (Taisho 5) Memorial services started.
- 1922 (Taisho 11) Uniform changed from traditional Japanese attire (hakama) to Western-style clothing.
- 1926 (Taisho 15) School song established.
- 1945 (Showa 20) All school buildings destroyed by air raids.

## Former Kyushu Girls' High School

- 1948 (Showa 23) Kyushu Girls' High School established following the postwar education reform.
- 1980 (Showa 55) The managing body became "Kyushu Girls' High School Educational Foundation".
- 2010 (Heisei 22) Integrated into Fukuoka University and renamed Fukuoka University Affiliated Wakaba High School.
- 2019 (Heisei 31) Became co-educational.

## **School Events**

Fukuoka University Affiliated Wakaba High School operates on a three-term system.

### First Term:

April: Entrance Ceremony, Orientation, Freshman Training, Parent-Teacher Meetings

- May: Home Visits, Midterm Exams, Fukuoka University Career Talk
- June: Foundation Day, Sports Festival, PTA General Meeting, Class Observations
- July: Final Exams, Three-way Meetings, Summer Study Programs
- August: Open Campus for Junior High Students, Workshops

### Second Term:

- September: Arts Appreciation, Cultural Festival
- October: Open Campus for Junior High Students, Midterm Exams
- November: Final Exams
- December: Study Tour for Second-Year Students

### Third Term:

- January: University Entrance Exam
- February: High School Entrance Exam, Final Exams
- March: Graduation Ceremony, Class Match (Sports Tournament), Brass Band Concert.

## Clubs

## Sports Clubs

- Track and Field
- Basketball
- Volleyball
- Tennis
- Swimming
- Futsal
- Baseball
- Soccer
- Kendo
- Kyudo (Japanese Archery)
- Table Tennis
- Badminton
- Handball
- Softball
- Karate
- Dance





# **Cultural Clubs**

- Tea Ceremony
- Flower Arrangement
- Calligraphy
- Broadcasting
- English Conversation
- Cooking
- Handicrafts
- Brass band
- School's Popular Music
- Koto
- Art
- Photography
- Science
- JRC

