“Love your Neighbor”
– from the Gospel according to St. Luke –
Shizuoka Eiwa’s Mission

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.” (Luke 10:27)

Education that encourages mental and spiritual growth.

During six years of study at our school, students learn the value of personal freedom and the importance of education and independence, based on a spirit of love and dedication as taught by Jesus Christ.
Learning from history, living in the present, preparing for your future. Eiwa, with its long history, provides this type of education.

In 1887 a missionary came to Japan from Canada. She wanted to serve God by offering education to young Japanese women, and helping people in the community.

**Miss Martha Jane Cunningham, the First School Principal**

On November 26, 1887 (Meiji 20), Miss Cunningham, as the first school principal, conducted the opening ceremony of Shizuoka Eiwa Jogakko. Her prayer has become the school standard: “Serve God and people with loving and dedicated minds.” This phrase, which embodies Eiwa’s principal of education, is still recited today at opening ceremonies.

Eiwa school was established with the objective of providing young Japanese women an education, and thereby improving women’s position in society. Now in our second century, Eiwa has continued to develop new curricula which respond to the changing needs of students and their future roles in society. We offer an excellent education and the opportunity for young women to become independent citizens, always mindful of the needs of others as well as themselves.

**History**

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<td>Rev. Yoshiyasu Hiraiwa, minister of Shizuoka Methodist Church, with Mr. Ryukichi Sekiguchi Governor and others, established Shizuoka Jogakko, Nishi-Kusabuka, Shizuoka City. Miss M. J. Cunningham appointed first school principal.</td>
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<td>1903 (Meiji 36)</td>
<td>Renaming of the school to Shizuoka Eiwa Jogakko.</td>
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<td>School building burned down during an air raid, WWII. After the end of the war, on August 21, classes resumed on the burned-out site.</td>
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<td>Rebuilding of Shizuoka Eiwa Jogakuin Junior High School, followed by the addition of Shizuoka Eiwa Jogakuin High School, 1948.</td>
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<td>1966 (Showa 41)</td>
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<td>1981 (Showa 56)</td>
<td>Commencement of Canadian Summer School and sister school relationships with Balmoral Hall School, Winnipeg and The Bishop Strachan School, Toronto.</td>
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<td>1999 (Heisei 11)</td>
<td>New chapel and new school building built.</td>
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<td>2002 (Heisei 14)</td>
<td>Shizuoka Eiwa Gakuin University for men and women established on the same campus as the junior college.</td>
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Broadening Horizons Through Study Abroad

Eiwa was originally founded by Canadian Methodist missionaries. It is still a mission school which bases the education of its students on Christian values. In addition, connections with our Canadian roots are maintained through the many active programs with our sister-schools in Canada.

Oceania Study Tour

This 10-day visit to Australia or New Zealand aims to give junior high students an introduction to life abroad. Encouraged by this experience, many students go on to participate in longer study abroad programs offered by our school.

Maple Program

Grade 11 students can make great improvements in their English ability during this 5-month program, which includes both dormitory and homestay experiences at Balmoral Hall School and St. Margaret’s School in Canada.

Junior Global Fund (JGF)

With the aim of nurturing young ladies who will play an active role in the global community, Shizuoka Eiwa sponsors outstanding students to study for a complete school year at Elmwood School, in Ottawa.

Canada Study Tour

All grade 11 students take part in a one-week high school trip to Victoria, Canada. Highlights include sightseeing, visits to a high school and church, and homestays with local families.
**Eiwa, at a Glance**

We like to tell our students that in our school they will find tranquility and tradition. They will have many chances to chat with new friends in the courtyard, and enjoy close interaction with teachers, in and out of class. The more time you spend at Eiwa, the more you will love it.

**Eiwa's Magnificent Chapel**

Reconstructed in 1999, the chapel encourages self-reflection and peace of mind.

School begins with the sound of the pipe organ, a tradition going back to when the school began in 1888. The current chapel, built in 1999, is used for morning worship services as well as entrance and graduation services, Flower Day and Christmas services. It includes many original features from the old chapel. The decorative beams, stained glass windows and the benches fill the chapel with the beauty and serenity of yesteryear.

**Our Unique Pipe Organ**

The pipe organ has 1823 pipes. It was made to order in 1987 by Austrian organ manufacturer, Oberoesterreichische Orgelbauanstalt GmbH Oesterreich.

**The School Courtyard**

Facing the chapel and surrounded by both the new and old school buildings, the courtyard has paving tiles depicting a maple leaf design, the symbol of Eiwa school. Students and teachers enjoy relaxing and chatting in this open space, decorated with flowers and shrubbery. There is also a Canadian Maple tree, planted in 2000 to commemorate the completion of the new chapel by the then Canadian Ambassador, Mr. J. Edwards.
The sailor style uniform represents the love and knowledge theme of our school.

### Uniform

The sailor style uniform of Eiwa was created at the beginning of the 1920s under the supervision of Miss O. C. Lindsey, the school principal at that time. The origins of the design can be found in the sailor uniform adopted by the YMCA in Canada for its “love and knowledge” educational movement. The wish embodied in the original uniform has been carried over to the modern-day Eiwa uniform, and sets our students apart as being dedicated to education and friendship.

### Volunteer Activities

There are many volunteer opportunities at Eiwa. We believe volunteering is a good way to develop a sense of service to others.

**Flower Day Visits**

On Flower Day, students visit nursing homes with flowers collected at the Flower Day service at school. This instills the significance of sharing joy with others.

**Thanksgiving Day Visits**

For Thanksgiving Day, students visit various care centers with the fruits and vegetables collected at the school’s Thanksgiving service.

### Exchange Program

**International Exchange**

There are many occasions during the year when Eiwa students can come into contact with foreign visitors to the school. There are frequent visits by exchange students from various countries, including Canada and Australia.

As the oldest girls’ school in Shizuoka, the traditions of Eiwa have been loved by students and graduates for generations.

Every day the atmosphere of Shizuoka Eiwa Jogakuin is provides a warm welcome for students. We offer a friendly atmosphere in which teachers and students can freely exchange their ideas. Club activities and other events develop skills, provide entertainment, and enable the students to make new friends. Eiwa Jogakuin provides the correct stimulus for each phase of a student’s growth.
“LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR”

The scripture carved in the graduation ring is a spiritual treasure for life.