

## GIRLS DEPARTMENT

JUNIOR AND SENIOR  
HIGH SCHOOLS FOR GIRLS  
(JOSHI-BU)



*Focusing on the lessons from daily life  
to foster high intelligence, morals, and strong life skills*

Under the educational philosophy, “Thinking, living, and praying;” the Girls Department emphasizes the following words of Jiyu Gakuen’s founder Motoko Hani: “When you work on things, think carefully and thoroughly, practice in real life what you have thought about, and pray earnestly about it.”

Jiyu Gauken’s basic educational ideal is that “daily life itself is education.” Therefore, students are encouraged to take the initiative in managing their daily lives. Because this requires knowledge, techniques, and planning skills, students are encouraged to proactively cooperate with their classmates and teachers to accomplish their goals. While providing each student with different roles and responsibilities depending on their age, the school aims to foster truly “free” individuals who will be able to choose the best in every circumstance and situation.

During class time, students focus on situations which stimulate thought about the issues surrounding them in their lives. They will cooperate with their classmates to study these issues and try and figure out solutions. Through such experiences, students learn the joy of creative and analytical thinking; and from out of the accumulation of such experiences, they will build the skills and abilities necessary for living a good life. In this way, a foundation is laid for cultivating young women who will be capable of exercising their own skills and strengths in any circumstance.

## HISTORY

The Girls Department was the first institution established and therefore stands as the foundation of Jiyu Gakuen. Since its establishment in 1921 in Mejiro (currently, Tokyo’s Ikebukuro), by Yoshikazu and Motoko Hani, the school has continuously aimed to offer an education where students learn from their own daily lives. With the goal of fostering individuals who possess high intelligence and fine characters, the school curriculum includes a daily morning worship service, reading hour, and Japanese calligraphy class.



*A girl student ringing the school bell*



*A school study presentation*