

Comprehensive and Integrated Education

Secure Kwansei Gakuin's ideal as a comprehensive integrated educational institution through sharing the spirit of foundation.

[Vision]

Through the merger of two educational corporations, Kwansei Gakuin became a comprehensive educational institution¹² comprising nine schools – a kindergarten, elementary school, two junior high schools and senior high schools, an international school, a junior college, and university (including graduate school). To take maximum advantage of the strengths that this structure brings, it is vital for our principles and objectives to be consistent throughout the institution. Each school will reaffirm Kwansei Gakuin's mission (Mission Statement)¹³ as well as the school motto, "Mastery for Service," and share "holistic education based on the principles of Christianity"¹⁴ as its supreme principle and objective.

Further, to enhance our value as a comprehensive and integrated educational institution¹⁵, and nurture individuals who will be the core members of Kwansei Gakuin¹⁶, the entire institution will share the knowledge, skills, attitudes, and character to be acquired at each age level to achieve the ideals for its graduates, and will systematically "visualize" that overall ideal. In particular, Kwansei Gakuin will establish structures for integrated education through elementary, junior high school, senior high school, and university, and aim to increase the number and percentage of students who advance to further education within Kwansei Gakuin.

Each school will develop its own individual educational policies and distinctive characteristics while retaining its identity as a member of Kwansei Gakuin. The individual schools will also continue to provide educational support so that Kwansei Gakuin graduates can become 'world citizens who embody "Mastery for Service".' We will offer our graduates venues and opportunities for lifelong learning through programs such as the *Mikazuki-juku* and Marunouchi Course, if they wish.

¹² In the narrow sense of the word, this is the collective term for the nine schools of Kwansei Gakuin. In its broader sense, it also encompasses the graduates of Kwansei Gakuin.

¹³ Kwansei Gakuin's Mission Statement, reaffirmed in the New Strategic Plan established in 2008: Kwansei Gakuin, as a learning community based on the principles of Christianity, inspires its members to seek their life missions, and cultivates them to be creative and capable world citizens who embody its motto, "Mastery for Service," by transforming society with compassion and integrity.

¹⁴ This statement is the founding spirit of Kwansei Gakuin.

¹⁵ This refers to educational principles and educational systems that are staged and continuous from elementary and secondary education through to higher education. While the kindergarten has the same underlying educational principles, it is difficult to ensure integration with the elementary school, so it is being handled as an issue in the current mid-term plan. Deliberation will continue on the positioning of Seiwa Junior College within Kwansei Gakuin, while monitoring personnel needs and national government policy trends in the area of childcare workers and kindergarten teachers.

¹⁶ These core members of Kwansei Gakuin will have received their entire education at Kwansei Gakuin, from elementary and secondary education through to Kwansei Gakuin University.