

## LOCATION



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年々歳々報徳を忘るべからず  
 来年の衣食は今年の艱難に在り  
 今年の衣食は昨年の産業に在り  
 田畑山林は人民の勤耕に在り  
 衣食住の三は田畑山林に在り  
 身命の長養は衣食住の三に在り  
 子孫の富貴は自己の勤勞に在り  
 吾身の富貴は父母の積善に在り  
 父母の富貴は祖先の勤功に在り  
 子孫の相続は夫婦の丹精に在り  
 身体の根元は父母の生育に在り  
 父母の根元は天地の令命に在り



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# 報徳

Ninomiya Sontoku's handwriting

## SCHOOL MOTTOES

校風三則  
 一以徳報徳の道風  
 を慕ふ  
 一至誠勲勞の良風  
 を尚ふ  
 一分度推諉の美風  
 を養ふ



Isamu Otani  
Chancellor



Toshitami Kaihara  
President



Tomoyuki Murakami  
Principal



1911

Oe Ichimatsu, inspired by Ninomiya Sontoku's philosophy, established Hotoku Business School in Mikage, Kobe.

1924

Renamed Hotoku Commercial School.

1932

Transferred to Aotani, Kobe.

1944

Renamed Hotoku Technical School under the direction of the Minister of Education.

1947

Transferred to Nishinomiya.  
(During the war, the school had suffered war damage: all the school buildings had been burnt down. New school buildings were built on present place.)

1952

Renamed Hotoku Gakuen Junior and Senior High School.

1988

Exchange agreement was reached with Christ Church Grammar School, Western Australia.

1990

The Senior high School started the English language study program.

1999

The Junior high School started the English language study program in the U.K.

2008

Exchange agreement was reached with Albuquerque Academy, New Mexico, USA.

2011

100th anniversary.





## NINOMIYA SONTOKU

Ninomiya Sontoku(1787-1856) made up, through his experience, the principle of man's deed or social morality, that is, how to act and how to live as a social being. He practiced it himself and handed this model of behavior down to the following generations. To practice this principle according to the model is called "Shiho(the method)". Sontoku named this principle "Hotoku(returning virtue for virtue)". The characteristic of this principle lies in that moral practice and economic practice must go together, in other words, man's deeds, however moral they may be, and that this economic activity must not be done without a moral sense.

In his teaching verses, he says "Economy without morality cannot last for ever. Morality without economy struggles in vain."

He meant that we should not only pursue our personal happiness and interests, but have an attitude of thankfulness to the society which includes our parents, husband or wife, and brothers and sisters, because in the widest sense, we owe what we are now to the nature around us. So we must, he says, return such favors as we have received to everyone and everything around us.

To do for others may give back something to oneself. Moral activity cannot be one-way. He tells us that morality and economy are two wheels of a cart.



## HOTOKU-KUN (The teaching of Ninomiya Sontoku)

The origin of the human being is the Spiritual order of the Universe.

The origin of thy physical body is due to upbringing by thy father and mother.

Thanks to exertions by husband and wife, children grow up to succeed to the family.

Riches and honours thy father and mother are blessed with owe their forebears.

Riches and honours thou art blessed with are the fruit of good deeds done over and over again for years by thy father and mother.

Thy children may enjoy riches and honours provided thou art industrious in the pursuit of thy occupation.

Long life springs from proper clothing, feeding and housing.

Clothes, food and houses are obtainable from farm land, woods and mountains.

Farm land, woods and mountains are made serviceable by tireless tillage and development by men.

Clothes and food one uses during the present year are the fruit of productive industry carried on during the preceding year.

Clothes and food one will use next year will be produced by hard work done during the present year.

Year in and year out one must not forget to return virtue for virtue.

The above passages are quoted from *A GUIDE TO "HOUTOKU", Sontoku Ninomiya's Philosophy*, published by Dai-Nippon Houtoku-sha.

## SCHOOL LIFE

School starts at 8:30 am and ends at 4:20 pm on weekdays. There are four classes in the morning and two or three in the afternoon. A period is 50 minutes long. Each class consists of 40 students or so. Except for some elective subjects, students stay in their homeroom classes and wait for their teachers to come unlike in many schools in Western countries. Various kind of subjects are offered such as English, Japanese, mathematics, science, social studies, art, music, P.E., domestic science, information technology, and so forth. In addition to these subjects many special activities are prepared so that the students enjoy their school life as much as possible.



## CLUB ACTIVITIES



### SPORTS

Sumo wrestling, Judo, Kendo, Kyudo, Shorinji kenpo, Track and field, Gymnastics, Swimming, Baseball, Rugby, Tennis, Football, Basketball, Volleyball, Table tennis, Handball, Ski, Golf, Hiking

### CULTURES

Chado(Sado, Japanese styled tea ceremony), Shodo(calligraphy), Igo and Shogi(traditional Japanese games like chess), Brass band, Broadcasting, Art, Photos, Gardening, Social studies, Mathematics, Science

## SCHOOL MAP & FACILITIES



1 Front gate



2 Office



3 Computer room



4 Guidance counseling room



5 Gymnasium



6 Dining hall



7 Study hall



8 Swimming pool



9 Training room



10 Science building



11 Tennis court



12 Judo & Kendo dojo and club rooms



13 Parking lot for bicycles



14 Driving range



15 Sumo & Kyudo dojo



16 Dormitory



Library



Video room

