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TRIP: Students Harrison Lamarca, Chantelle Phillips, Stage Moore, Hannah Rowan and Tahlia Davis. PHOTO: CONTRIBUTED

## Students spend time in Japan sister city

A NOOSA school has helped forge closer links to our "sister city" with a cultural exchange to Japan that included a week's schooling and living with local families.

The five Year 9 Good Shepherd Lutheran College students stayed at the coastal city of Hodatasu-Shimizu, selected

for sister status 25 years ago because of its beach's resemblance to the Noosa North Shore.

Their Japanese language teacher Meghann Tello was delighted to see the students embracing Japanese culture.

"The best part of the exchange for me was witnessing the absolute

delight the students got out the experience," Mrs Tello said.

"I will also never forget the people of Hodatsu-Shimizu who were so kind and generous, going out of their way to help us enjoy our stay."

The students were equally impressed with their host families,

experiencing a diverse range of Japanese customs from traditional tea ceremonies to sumo wrestling.

"My host mother dressed us all in yakata (traditional dress) and we did a Japanese tea ceremony – the culture is so different," exchange student Hannah Rowan said.