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Norman Park student named International Student of the Year

Japanese student Honami Yamada has been awarded the prestigious *International Student of the Year Award* from national education and training provider CHARLTON BROWN, after graduating with a Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care this week.

Ms Yamada, who works in Norman Park as an Au Pair to an Australian family, studied Early Childhood Education and Care at CHARLTON BROWN's Fortitude Valley campus, as part of its partnership with Nagoya College in Japan.

CEO Kay Ganley said the awards presented at the Graduation ceremony formally recognise the achievements of students and their commitment to caring for society's most vulnerable.

"At CHARLTON BROWN, we believe it is important to celebrate the successes of our graduating students, which is something that has always been at the heart of our business practices," Ms Ganley said.

"During her time at CHARLTON BROWN, Honami has seamlessly balanced her Certificate III studies, her practical placement and Nagoya College coursework with her work commitments as an Au Pair.

"Since arriving in Australia, Honami has taken advantage of every opportunity presented to her to improve her skills and knowledge, and has continued to push herself out of her comfort zone.

"Her dedication to professional development was evident in all facets of her learning at CHARLTON BROWN and through her commitment to her Au Pair family."

In addition to being crowned International Student of the Year, Honami Yamada received a hamper from the Brisbane Bandits, which included a Bandits cap, t-shirt, sunglasses a signed baseball and Hogs-Breath voucher.

As part of her award win, the Brisbane Bandits have invited Honami to throw the first pitch at the international game on December 27, where she and her Au Pair family will also enjoy the game from the exclusive VIP Home Plate Booth.

Ms Ganley said the international partnership between Nagoya College and CHARLTON BROWN was established in 2014, to address the demand for Australian qualifications in Japan.

"Our partnership is aimed at improving the Nagoya students' proficiency in the English language, to equip them with the practical skills needed to enhance their career once they graduate from their studies," Ms Ganley said.

"CHARLTON BROWN recently won International Training Provider of the Year at this year's

Australian Training Awards, which showcases our ongoing commitment to providing world-class education and training to both our domestic and international students.”

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