

## Curriculum Framework Policy



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### **Purpose**

The purpose of this framework is to outline Bellaire Primary School's organisation, implementation and review of curriculum and teaching practices and to ensure that, taken as a whole, all eight learning areas are substantially addressed, unless an exemption applies.

The framework shows, at a high level, how the school will deliver its curriculum, how the curriculum and teaching practice will be reviewed, how we assess student learning, how we record and monitor student performance, and when and how we report to parents.

This curriculum framework should be read alongside our whole school, curriculum area, year level and unit / lesson curriculum plans.

### **Overview**

Bellaire Primary School provides all students with a planned and structured curriculum to equip them with the knowledge, skills and attributes needed to complete their schooling and to make a successful transition from school to work, training, or further education.

Bellaire Primary School is committed to offering a comprehensive curriculum based on the [Victorian Curriculum F-10](#). The key points in this framework, and in line with the [F-10 Revised Curriculum Planning and Reporting Guidelines](#), are a commitment to:

- A defined curriculum content is the basis for student learning
- Curriculum planning that is based on two-year bands of schooling rather than each year level
- Developing and publishing a separate whole-school curriculum plan that documents our teaching and learning program
- Reporting student learning against the achievement standards in the curriculum

Reporting student learning to students and parents in line with the [Department's Reporting Student Achievement and Progress Foundation to 10](#) policy.

Complying with Departmental policies relating to curriculum provision, including:

- [Physical and Sport Education — Delivery Outcomes](#)
- [Sexuality and Consent Education](#)
- [Holocaust Education – Delivery Requirements](#)

Bellaire Primary School is committed to lifelong learning by providing an inclusive, supportive and nurturing community in which diversity is valued and celebrated. Our innovative curriculum and culture of excellence creates a stimulating learning environment that engages and challenges students to achieve personal success and make positive contributions to society. Our school encourages students to strive for excellence in all of their endeavours.

At Bellaire Primary School our 21st century curriculum presents students with the opportunity to develop deep understandings on a range of concepts throughout their school lives. Our broad curriculum is planned and taught sequentially and allows students to have some ownership in all aspects of their learning. It is designed to develop thinking and social skills, foster engagement with the wider community and include use of a wide variety of technology to assist in student learning. To support the delivery of the curriculum at our school we access and select a wide range of suitable educational resources, set homework that enhances classroom learning and undertake a range of student assessment and reporting activities.

## Implementation

Bellaire Primary School implements its curriculum by providing sequential learning and teaching programs that deliver a comprehensive and inclusive curriculum to all students, whilst working to foster an increasing sense of student voice and learner agency. We have high expectations for all of our students, academically, socially and culturally by striving for excellence and honouring our school values of Respect, Responsibility, Effort and Safety.

Bellaire Primary School provides a comprehensive curriculum with a strong focus on English and Mathematics. In addition to the Literacy and Numeracy programs, we have a scope and sequence which addresses the curriculum areas of Humanities, Science, Technologies, Civics and Citizenship, Health and Wellbeing. Specialist teachers provide instruction in Physical Education, Visual Arts, STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics) and French. Interdisciplinary, Personal and Social Capabilities are addressed across the curriculum and by explicitly teaching the Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships program. This is also supported by our camps, incursions and excursions programs as well as our inter-school initiatives.

Our school is an active participant in district sporting competitions. The teachers work as a team to ensure that the Victorian Curriculum is implemented across the school. Intervention approaches such as Literacy Intervention, the placement of Education Support staff, the development of Individual Education Plans (IEPs) and modified programs for individual students, provide the additional support for our students when it is needed. Further information on how our school implements the curriculum, including the learning areas provided at each year level/band of schooling, and the capabilities that are developed by students across these learning areas and the approximate time allocations for each learning area, is provided in our whole school, curriculum area, year level and unit / lesson curriculum plans.

## Guidelines

- The Principal has the overall responsibility for the implementation of curriculum at the school. Aspects of this role can be delegated to other staff members and curriculum leaders who will work in conjunction with the principal in developing curriculum delivery and programs. Strategic Teams will be formed to develop specific curriculum areas and provide advice to the staff as a whole.
- This policy works in conjunction with the Mathematics and English policies.
- This policy works in conjunction with the Assessment and Reporting and Homework policies.
- The curriculum taught at Bellaire Primary School will encompass all the areas in The Victorian Curriculum.
- The school will ensure that it has a comprehensive budget to support curriculum programs. Budget requests will be formulated by program leaders in October before the next school year. These will be compiled by the Principal and discussed in the Finance Subcommittee meeting. Indicative budgets must be approved by the School Council prior to the school year. Program Leaders are strongly encouraged to expend curriculum budgets in the first and second terms of the school year.
- The Bellaire Primary School Strategic Plan is the school's statement to its community about what it stands for and intends to do, over the next four years, to improve student outcomes. It defines what the school values most and sets out the school's goals and targets, key strategies for improvement and its resourcing priorities.
- The Bellaire Primary School Annual Implementation Plan outlines one-year goals that are steps towards achieving the broader targets set in the Strategic Plan. It also provides a reference point for monitoring the school's progress in meeting the goals and targets set in its Strategic Plan.
- Each term, level teams will produce a curriculum planning document detailing the learning focuses of the term. Weekly Professional Learning Community (PLC) meetings will have a focus on student learning data and planning in order to provide differentiated approaches to teaching that cater for the needs of students with a range of interests, abilities, skills, and motivation. This will include references to the Victorian Curriculum. <http://victoriancurriculum.vcaa.vic.edu.au/>.
- Curriculum and level leaders will ensure the Victorian Curriculum scope and sequence and curriculum coverage is monitored across the school. Strategic teams and professional learning, teaching and learning teams are responsible for core curriculum development and delivery.
- The school has developed a structured approach to curriculum planning that ensures a shared vision within the school on curriculum development, common documentation and common understandings of the whole school curriculum.
- The teaching of English and Mathematics will be an integral component in all curriculum planning and delivery.

- Learning about the cross-curriculum priorities of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Histories and Cultures, Asia and Australia's engagement with Asia and Sustainability is embedded in the learning areas of the Victorian Curriculum F–10.
- The school will have a range of specialist programs to deliver various curriculum programs such as Languages, Physical Education, Performing Arts and Visual Arts. These will be offered depending on school/DET priorities, access to qualified teaching staff, and timetable provisions.
- Bellaire Primary School curriculum will incorporate the guided inquiry approach which encourages purposeful cross curriculum opportunities to enhance learning through meaningful context. A range of thinking curriculum tools will complement this curriculum.
- A range of DET programs will support curriculum delivery in the school. These may include English as an Additional Language (EAL), Literacy Intervention, Health Education, Drug Education, Koorie Education, Gifted Education and the Program for Students with Disabilities. (PSD) For more information about the PSD see:  
<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/management/governance/spag/curriculum/programs/disabilities.htm>

At Bellaire Primary School, class time is structured into a weekly timetable, with 5 hours of learning per day, broken into five 60-minute sessions.

Primary School teaching weekly time allocations are as follows:

English	600 minutes (Reading, Writing, Speaking and Listening)
Mathematics	300 minutes
Social and Emotional Learning (SEL)	60 minutes
Art	60 minutes
PE	60 minutes
STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics)	60 minutes
Physical Education (and Sport)	60 minutes + Sport Years 5/6 for 60 mins
French	60 minutes

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### Language provision

Bellaire Primary School delivers French as a language, based on it introducing young students to a new culture, fostering curiosity and understanding. It promotes global awareness, facilitates cross-cultural communication, and enhances cognitive skills. Interactive learning methods make language acquisition enjoyable. Early exposure to a second language instills pride and boosts confidence.

### Pedagogy

The pedagogical approach at Bellaire Primary School employs a student-centered pedagogical approach, prioritizing active engagement, critical thinking, and personalized support. Teachers utilise various instructional strategies, fostering collaboration and integrating technology. We provide individualised guidance, constructive feedback, and resources to meet diverse learning needs. Open communication and participation are encouraged, while comprehensive facilities and online platforms facilitate independent exploration. Our goal is to cultivate well-rounded individuals equipped with essential skills for academic and professional success.

### Assessment

Bellaire Primary School assesses student progress in line with the Department's [Assessment of Student Achievement and Progress Foundation to 10 policy](#).

Students at Bellaire Primary School will have multiple and varied opportunities to demonstrate learning and achievement. Teachers use assessment tasks that cover multiple curriculum levels to ensure that evidence of learning and growth is captured for every student.

Bellaire Primary School employs a comprehensive approach to assess student learning as an integral part of our school-based curriculum program. We utilize both formative and summative assessments to gauge students' progress and achievement. Formative assessments are ongoing and provide continuous feedback to guide instruction, allowing students to monitor their growth. Summative assessments occur at the end of a unit

or course and measure overall student mastery. These assessments serve as benchmarks to evaluate student performance and inform instructional decisions. By employing a balanced mix of formative and summative assessments, we ensure a holistic evaluation of student learning and promote continuous improvement.

- Teachers at Bellaire Primary School use a combination of formative assessment for learning (to focus feedback and guide future learning) and summative assessment of learning (to determine what the student has learned at the end of a sequence of learning), alongside student self-assessment and reflection.
- Assessment is used in an ongoing way, to guide future lessons and learning, as well as to keep students and parents informed of student progress.
- Teachers will use a variety of assessment strategies to gather evidence about student achievement. The agreed assessment processes and tasks are documented in the Subject Unit Designs and Learning Sequences. The assessments may include, but are not limited to, tests and assignments, projects, portfolios, performances, discussions or student-teacher conferences.
- Assessment tasks are developed to support students to show their knowledge, skills and understandings and will include clear instructions, relevant supporting documents (scaffolds, planning documents, etc) and allow sufficient time for completion. Teachers will make modifications to the task to cater for students with additional learning needs.
- Bellaire Primary School will develop Individual Education Plans (IEPs) for students who are part of the Program for Students with a Disability (PSD), Koorie students and students in 'Out of Home' care, in consultation with students, parents and where appropriate, with outside agencies.
- Teachers will assess the achievements of students with disabilities and impairments in the context of the Victorian Curriculum and the 'Towards Foundation Level Victorian Curriculum' where applicable.
- The English language proficiency of English as Additional Language EAL students will be assessed using the Victorian Curriculum F-10 EAL.
- Where possible, staff will participate in cross marking of assessment tasks (moderation) involving assessment rubrics and work samples so that staff can apply consistent judgements of student progress against Victorian Curriculum Standards across the school.

### Reporting

Bellaire Primary School reports student progress to parents in line with the Department's [Reporting Student Achievement and Progress Foundation to 10](#) policy. In addition, Bellaire Primary School ensures that there is continuous sharing of assessment information formally and informally with parents/carers throughout the term/semester, including through twice-annual formal reporting.

At Bellaire Primary School reports will be in a written format easy for parents/carers to understand and will be accessible in digital form with the option to translate text from English to another language, to cater to our school community.

- Bellaire Primary School will report directly against the Victorian [Curriculum F-10 achievement standards](#), or, if reporting on students for whom English is an additional language, the [Victorian Curriculum F-10 EAL achievement standards](#).
- Both student achievement and progress will be included in the report.
- An age-related five-point scale, where the quality of a student's achievement against what is 'expected' for students of that year level at the time of reporting, will be used for reporting against the achievement standards in all curriculum domains taught.
- Bellaire Primary School will use either a learning goals scale or a learning dimensions scale for other areas of the curriculum.

Opportunities will be provided for parents/carers and students to discuss the school report with teachers and/or school leaders.

Parent-teacher interviews, conducted twice-yearly, enable the opportunity to discuss the students' progress and how they can continue to be supported at home. Interpreting services will be made available where required.

### Curriculum and Teaching Practice Review

School curriculum and teaching practice is reviewed against the [Framework for Improving of Student Outcomes \(FISO 2.0\)](#). FISO and the FISO improvement cycle help identify focus areas for improvement and to evaluate the impact of introduced initiatives.

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The school's curriculum programs will be reviewed on a cyclical basis to ensure it aligns with the Victorian Curriculum. Curriculum audits and reviews will inform future curriculum planning and implementation. The teaching staff will work together to create a culture of learning, collaboration and continuous improvement.

Layer of review/planning	Process and data used	Responsibility	Timeframe
Whole school	School Data sets	Leadership	Annually
Curriculum Areas	School Data Sets	Learning Specialists	Annually
Year levels	Foundation to Year 6	Learning Specialists & team members	Termly
Units and lessons	PLC teams	Learning Specialists, year level leaders & team members	Upon completion

## Review of teaching practice

Bellaire Primary School reviews teaching practice via:

- Professional Learning Communities, which link the learning needs of students with the professional learning and practice of teachers and provide an opportunity for teachers to collaboratively evaluate the effect of high impact teaching strategies; and the school will utilise the DET policy guidelines, online resources, internal and external expertise, mentoring and coaching, peer observation and collegiate feedback to continually improve their method and practice of teaching.
- The Performance Development cycle, which provides an opportunity to provide feedback to teaching staff on their performance to support ongoing learning and development, with a focus on how student learning can be improved through improving teaching practice. All staff will participate in the staff performance and development process in which goals are aligned with the school's Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) and the Australian Institute of Teaching and School Leadership (AITSL) standards

## Further information and resources

### Policy and Advisory Library:

- [Curriculum Programs Foundation to 10](#)
- [Framework for Improving Student Outcomes \(FISO 2.0\)](#)
- [Assessment of Student Achievement and Progress Foundation to 10](#)
- [Digital Learning in Schools](#)
- [Students with Disability](#)
- [Koorie Education](#)
- [Languages Education](#)
- [Physical and Sport Education — Delivery Requirements](#)
- [Holocaust Education](#)
- [Reporting Student Achievement and Progress Foundation to 10](#)
- [Sexuality and Consent Education](#)
- [School Hours \(including variation to hours\)](#)

### This policy should be read alongside:

- whole school curriculum plan
- teaching and learning program for each learning area and capability
- teaching and learning program for each year level
- unit plans/sequence of lessons.

## POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

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