

LOCATION AND HISTORY

Belle Vue Park Primary School is located in the City of Moreland in the north western suburb of Glenroy, approximately 18 kilometers from the Melbourne Central Business District. The school was established as a result of a merger of Hadfield & Gowrie Park schools in 1997.

SCHOOL FACILITIES

The school's contemporary design provides a variety of learning spaces for students with every area of the school undergoing refurbishment. Our modern facilities now reflect our progressive teaching philosophy. Our school was able to design a bespoke renovation to our main building which was opened in 2012.

Belle Vue Park P.S. has 9 classrooms that are inter-connected through large sliding doors. The rooms can be used for discrete teaching and also cater for open learning and whole cohort sessions. Each teaching team has their own office area. The year 5/6 facility also has a gallery space and green screen room. The school has a full size gym, a planning and data room, a library/ICT center, the Bamboo oral language room, as well as numeracy, literacy & science resource centres.

There are also a number of breakout rooms and teaching spaces, an archive/school records room and a multi-purpose room opposite a large, modern staffroom.

The school also has an established Environmental Learning Precinct with vegetable gardens and fruit trees. This facility also houses our Student Wellbeing program.

A large oval, two Tigerturf court areas, 3 playground equipment areas under extensive sunshades, as well as many garden beds and mature trees complete our school grounds.

Our school established an on-site Community Hub in 2014 which incorporates two spacious kindergarten rooms catering for our 3 and 4 yr old program. There is also a kitchen and staffroom, office, storage areas as well as a new adventure playground. The hub also has 2 Maternal Child Health rooms, playgroup and meeting rooms.

Enrolments

Enrolments at the time of the review were approximately 155 students. Over the past three years, enrolments have increased by about five per cent. With many homes close to the school being replaced by medium density housing the enrolments of our school are predicted to increase in the next 3-4 years. Moreland Council data supports this prediction. There is high mobility within our community.

Class sizes across the school are kept small to support all learners particularly in English acquisition. (average 20-22 students). We provide extra teaching and classroom support at each year level either in the form of intervention, extension or small group activity.

Our school usually offers composite classes along with a number of single classes. This varies each year dependent on specific numbers in each year cohort. Much time is spent allocating students to classes with social/emotional, academic and behavior considerations informing this process.

There is a spread of classroom and PSD support personnel in each area of the school.

SFO and SFOE

The schools 2020 confirmed SRP indicated a Student Family Occupation (SFO) Index of 0.7680 in 2020 and a Student Family Occupation and Education (SFOE) index of 0.6276.

Staff profile

The staffing profile of Belle Vue Park Primary School includes a Principal and Assistant Principal, 8.2 teachers, 5.2 full time equivalent Education Support (ES) staff and a multi-cultural aide 0.6. A handy man works one day every fortnight. 2 cleaners are employed to maintain the facility.

Curriculum

The school provides an approved curriculum framework differentiated to meet student needs. We follow the prescribed Victorian Curriculum and have well established Instructional models in place, including Self Organised Learning Environments inquiry model (S.O.L.E.)

The school delivers 50 min learning sessions. All students attend P.E. Visual & Creative arts, LOTE, and a range of other specialist programs which reflect our Inquiry focus for the term. These are offered on a rotational basis (music/drama, philosophy, science/STEM). Students also access Interschool sports for year 3-6, annual school camp and swimming programs and our own free instrumental Brass Band. The school also subsidizes incursions and excursions to broaden experiences for our students.

Belle Vue Park P.S. highly values contemporary research and evidence from the fields of neuroscience and psychology to inform our understanding of the brain, emotions and their connection to learning. This drives our responses to student learning, informs our understanding of and reactions to student responses and behaviours and promotes and enhances student connections to their learning, their teachers and the school.

Additional information

The school provides specialist lessons in Visual Arts, Science, Physical Education and L.O.T.E. This is supplemented by many incursions and excursions.

The school has worked extremely proactively to establish partnerships to support students and families. Some of these include:

- 2017/18 we provided a fully sponsored swimming program and Fit4 Fun on a weekly basis. (partnering with YMCA)
- Hosting our annual 'New & Emerging Communities' Festival (partnering with Himalayan Youth Foundation, Moreland Council and a range of government agencies and services).
- Delivering annual strategies including 1:1 maths, SPARK reading, & school makeover. Contribution to the Australian Principal advisory group. (partnering with Australian Business Community Network A.B.C.N.)

- A variety of support including Fellowship Study tour; P.L. Purchasing of 15 iPads (2020) (partnering with Schools Plus)
- Documentary/film project on 'Belonging' - student, family & refugee stories (partnering with Creative Arts Victoria & Songroom Australia)

Our onsite Community Hub provides contemporary wrap-around supports and services for our community. These include:

- Play groups; first mother's group; parenting classes (partnering with Moreland Council)
- 3 and 4 year old Kindergarten (partnering with Northern Schools Early Years Cluster)
- Onsite free Counselling services (partnering with RelateWell, Coburg)
- Project Connect - Yr 5/6 student wellbeing & relationships (partnering with Monash University and Jesuits Social Services;
- Student mental health & family functionality project—(partnering with C.A.S.E.A. from the Royal Children's Hospital)

In the past two years the school has established 2 new playgrounds with sunshades; enhanced the Environmental Precinct; created a Green screen room and bellevue tube; and initiated introducing Kid's Shed and Student Voice box.