

EXTENSION, ENRICHMENT & TALENT PROGRAM

Frequently Asked Questions

How do you select the students for the BEET program?

Students who have been identified by the school as working at a significant level above their cohort of students would be considered for the program. These students are identified through a range of assessment opportunities including, but not limited to; in school diagnostic testing, AusVels reports and ACER assessments. Every year level produces its own results, so generally the top 5-10% of the cohort would have the opportunity to attend the BEET program - being ahead by 12 months in an area may be irrelevant if the curve of the general population is higher.

Can I nominate my own child for the program?

All students learn and demonstrate their skills in a variety of ways. If you feel as though your child is particularly talented in an area, feel free to alert your child's teacher via email or a note in the Purple Folder. We can then review your child's assessment and ascertain if their demonstrated results are at the level required for one of our BEET programs. Beaumaris North Primary has so many wonderful opportunities and programs, and all year levels run a differentiated program extending your child within the class setting.

Does my child have to be gifted in all areas?

No. The BEET program recognises talent, and aims to enrich and enhance that student's ability. We have many students who only attend one BEET program, such as Mathematics or Writing and some who attend multiple BEET programs.

What if my child has a diagnosed learning challenge?

With learning challenges come learning opportunities and all children have the same opportunities to excel and learn at Beaumaris North. Our staff have extensive experience working with Twice Exceptional children, and creating inclusive, supportive programs for students diagnosed with a learning challenge. The best way you can help us, is to provide all documentation (to your child's teacher) about any learning challenges, as well as their special talents.

We have just transferred from another school, do I have to wait until next year?

No, and welcome to Beaumaris North! The best way you can help is to provide as much information from your previous school as possible, such as previous school reports. Your child's teacher will allow your child to settle into our school community and get to know your child's strengths and passions for learning. If they are identified as working at a high level (in the top 5-10% depending on the cohort) for one or more subjects, then we may be able to administer some of our own assessment to ensure your child will be capable of operating at the higher level, and being enriched in one of our programs.

Contacting the BEET Teachers

The BEET teachers work closely with the Year Level class teachers on moderation and assessment. Your child's class teacher knows exactly where your child is operating in relation to the year level, so a quick chat with your child's teacher is a great first step. If you have specific enquiries for the BEET teachers please address your email enquiries to either the 'Junior BEET program' (Ms Karen Watts) or 'Senior BEET Program' (Miss Shennae Searle) via the school email; beaumaris.north.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au. We will endeavor to answer you enquiries as soon as possible between managing a full teaching program with over 150 students!