Curriculum


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Specialist News

A 'Specialist News' update is provided each term for ALL year levels via Compass and the BNPS website:

www.beaumarisnorthps.vic.edu.au/pi-specialist-news.htm
Time Allotment

Each year level from Foundation to Year 6 receives a one hour lesson per week in The Arts – Music, The Arts - Visual Arts, Physical Education and Japanese*. In addition, our Foundation – Year 2 students receive a 30 minute Library lesson taken by a trained Teacher Librarian. Please support your child and ensure they have the appropriate items on the correct day. * Foundation - Year 2 students receive a 30 minute Japanese lesson and a 30 minute Library lesson.

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The Arts - Music

Music is an important area of learning in the Primary Years Programme (PYP). It is a medium of expression that contributes to the total development of the child including physical, intellectual, social, aesthetic and emotional development. At Beaumaris North Primary School, music is an integral aspect of the School Curriculum providing skills, perceptions, experiences and values upon which to make informed choices. Each child is assisted to reach his/her musical potential and in doing so will experience the role of composer, responsive listener and performer.

It is our aim to provide music activities which are enjoyable, stimulating and challenging and which promote the self-confidence of the individual. The PYP teacher values imagination, creativity and original thinking and this is particularly evident in the teaching of music. BNPS also provides a co-curricular Choral Program which enriches and extends the student’s musical experiences – see: [www.beaumarisnorthps.vic.edu.au/extra-curricular-choir.html](http://www.beaumarisnorthps.vic.edu.au/extra-curricular-choir.html)

At school, music lessons provide opportunities to discover a broad range of music experiences including classifying and analysing sounds, composing, exploring body music, harmonizing, listening, playing instruments, singing, notation, reading music, song writing and recording. For more information on how the PYP Learner Profile is incorporated into music lessons, please visit: [www.beaumarisnorthps.vic.edu.au/specialist-programs-music.html](http://www.beaumarisnorthps.vic.edu.au/specialist-programs-music.html)

At home, parents can help their child in music by always being encouraging, asking what they did in music at school, singing to each other, attending live performances (including free performances offered in the community) and listening to a variety of music at home.

The Arts - Visual Arts

Art at BNPS is a joyful hour each week for every student. Students are given opportunities to feel free and confident to express ideas in a calm and friendly atmosphere and are encouraged to respond to the artwork of others. The Visual Arts program incorporates both art making and art appreciation in association with developing a visual arts language and supporting a unit within the programme of inquiry (PYP). Students learn to explore their creativity and imagination through a skills based visual arts program. This supports the process of art making and we give the students clear instructions on the correct use of tools, materials and techniques. Over the course of the year, students are able to experiment with a variety of media including painting, drawing, ceramics, textiles, print-making, collage, construction and visual communication. They learn to develop a visual language around art elements that is appropriate when thinking and talking about art, such as line, shape, colour and texture. Students look at various artworks of well-known Australian and International artists to discover how the artists develop their ideas and use of materials. The students are encouraged to share their thoughts, observations and feelings and then have a go themselves.

Student work is regularly displayed both in the art room and in the entrance foyer of the school. Work is also sent home. All students need to bring a named art smock to each lesson in the art room, [www.beaumarisnorthps.vic.edu.au/specialist-programs-visual-arts.html](http://www.beaumarisnorthps.vic.edu.au/specialist-programs-visual-arts.html)
Physical Education

Physical Education is an all-encompassing term, including fitness skills, Fundamental Skills Program, gymnastics, dance, recreation, health and appropriate values and knowledge. The PE lessons are planned using the Fundamental Skills Program, through Units of Inquiry and supporting the classroom Unit of Inquiry where appropriate. The PYP concepts, Attitudes and Learner Profile are referred to throughout PE lessons. Students are exposed to a wide range of sporting opportunities at Beaumaris North Primary School. In PE lessons, Year Six students:

- Explore games' tactics and strategies, demonstrate an understanding of the roles of various positions of players and coaching techniques.
- Participate in Year 6 sport within their year level – see: [www.beaumarisnorthps.vic.edu.au/specialist-programs-physical-education.html](http://www.beaumarisnorthps.vic.edu.au/specialist-programs-physical-education.html)

**SPORTS UNIFORM**

**Girls**
- Polo shirt (red or green)
- Skort (green) or summer/winter pant (green)
- Sports briefs, tights/leggings (black or green) under school dress
- White socks

**Boys**
- Polo shirt (red or green)
- Shorts (green) or track-pant (green)
- Bottle green tracksuit pants or gabardine pants
- White Socks

**NOTE:**
- Runners/appropriate shoes must be worn for safety and performance.
- Hats must be worn in Term One and Term Four.
- Students must bring a drink bottle to each lesson.
- Sunscreen is available if students wish to use it.
- Children are encouraged to wear their House colours when they participate in House Sports i.e. red, blue, green or gold t-shirt and shorts according to their House colour.
- BNPS will provide a uniform for specific sports e.g. softball, netball, football, etc. For safety reasons, protective equipment appropriate to sporting activities must be worn.

Japanese

The principal language offered at Beaumaris North Primary School is English and Japanese is provided as an additional language to:

- Further enrich personal development.
- Enable learners to engage with the world.
- Develop knowledge of the connections between language and culture and how culture is embedded throughout the communication system.

Learning a second language and culture gives children the opportunity to reflect their own language and culture. Through comparison with their own language, children understand how language works, which they can apply to English. Children learn that there are many ways of viewing the world and they come to appreciate and respect a different culture. This is very important for children who are living in a multilingual and multicultural society like Australia.

The Japanese program at BNPS has themes that are relevant and of interest to the children (e.g. classroom and family) and they are integrated with transdisciplinary themes of PYP wherever possible.

In Japanese lessons, Year Six students:

- Are exposed to Japanese pronunciation, intonation and body language of native speakers of Japanese.
- Begin to understand and use Japanese within the world of their own experience and imagination, with some topics drawn from other domains, including exchanging simple personal information and opinions, and performing short skits in Japanese.
- Continue to develop their language skills and understand Japanese culture through a variety of activities such as language games, origami, songs, Japanese video/DVDs and project work.
- Participate in a calligraphy contest (Semester 2).
- Interact with Japanese primary school children by exchanging cards, emails, skype etc.


Library Program

Beaumaris North Primary School students have a program rich in literature and are able to borrow books from our well-stocked Library. We focus on enjoyment, imagination and information through stories and non-fiction material. The Library program also supports and extends the Units of Inquiry being studied in each year level and provides classrooms with a variety of resources to enrich the Units.

Students are able to borrow books from the Library according to their Class/year level timetable. The Library is also open one lunchtime per week (2.00 - 2.30pm) for quiet reading, borrowing and drawing. Students are encouraged to be responsible for remembering their Library 'Book Borrowing Day' - it is vital that children bring their book back otherwise they cannot borrow a new book.

For information on Library Bags, please visit: www.beaumarisnorthps.vic.edu.au/library.html