



# BEAUMARIS NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

A Quick Guide  
to BNPS

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‘Enriching Enquiring Minds’



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# Administration

## Arrival Procedure

It is important that your child is **at school by 8.55am** in preparation for line up to ensure they hear all of the important instructions at the beginning of the day. On arrival to school, students are required to place their school bag in their designated area and may then play until the music sounds. Once the music sounds, students must stop what they are doing and line up in their designated area. In the event of inclement weather, students may be admitted into the classrooms at 8.50am. **Students must NOT be left alone in the school grounds before 8:45am** – see ‘Yard Duty Supervision’.

## BNPS Contacts

To ensure your BNPS queries / feedback are directed to the appropriate area, please refer to the table below:

Emails to Teachers	<a href="mailto:beaumaris.north.ps@education.vic.gov.au">beaumaris.north.ps@education.vic.gov.au</a>
General Queries and Feedback	<a href="mailto:beaumaris.north.ps@education.vic.gov.au">beaumaris.north.ps@education.vic.gov.au</a>
Office – Administration and Payments	<a href="mailto:beaumaris.north.ps@education.vic.gov.au">beaumaris.north.ps@education.vic.gov.au</a>
Compass Support	<a href="mailto:beaumaris.north.ps@education.vic.gov.au">beaumaris.north.ps@education.vic.gov.au</a>
School Council	<a href="mailto:BNPS.School.Council@education.vic.gov.au">BNPS.School.Council@education.vic.gov.au</a>
Outside School Hours Care	<a href="mailto:oshc@beaumarisnorthps.vic.edu.au">oshc@beaumarisnorthps.vic.edu.au</a>
Uniform Shop	<a href="mailto:uniform@beaumarisnorthps.vic.edu.au">uniform@beaumarisnorthps.vic.edu.au</a>
Canteen	<a href="mailto:canteen@beaumarisnorthps.vic.edu.au">canteen@beaumarisnorthps.vic.edu.au</a>
BNPS Parents & Friends	<a href="mailto:bnps.parentsandfriends@gmail.com">bnps.parentsandfriends@gmail.com</a>
Fathers’ Activity Club	<a href="mailto:bnpsfac@gmail.com">bnpsfac@gmail.com</a>

The [beaumaris.north.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:beaumaris.north.ps@education.vic.gov.au) email account is checked regularly throughout the day and emails are forwarded on as appropriate.

## Dismissal Procedure

School finishes at 3.30pm (Monday to Friday) – earlier on the last day of the term (2.30pm) and the last day of the year (1.30pm). Once the bell sounds, children make their way out of their classroom, collect their bags and go to their designated dismissal area. All students are expected to leave the school premises immediately after dismissal. **Students must NOT be left alone in the school grounds after 3.45pm** - see ‘Yard Duty Supervision’.

## Emergency Contact Details

Please advise the school immediately of any changes to your details (address, telephone number and emergency contact/s) to enable prompt contact at all times.

## Late Arrival

Students are expected to be punctual as late arrivals cause disruption to the smooth running of the class. Students who arrive at school after 9.00am must be ‘signed in’ by a parent / guardian via the Kiosk at the Office and taken to class. Please note that it is not necessary to notify your teacher ahead of time of expected late arrival. Late arrivals should NOT be entered into the Compass Parent Portal - only full-day absences are reported via Compass.

## Leaving School during School Hours

Appointments (e.g. medical) should be made outside of normal school hours where possible to avoid disruption to your child's learning. If your child needs to leave school during school hours, it is necessary for a parent / carer to collect your child from the classroom and 'sign them in and out' via the Kiosk at the Office - no child will be permitted to leave the school during school hours without being signed out by a parent / carer. Leave during school hours should NOT be entered into the Compass Parent Portal - only full-day absences are reported via Compass.

## Notification of Absences

For the safety and wellbeing of children, it is a Department of Education and Training (DET) requirement that parents and carers notify the school of their child's absence **on the day of absence** (early in the morning or ahead of time where possible). **'Attendance Notes' for absences MUST be entered by parents via the Compass Parent Portal.** It is not necessary to phone the school or notify your teacher as the roll will be automatically updated. Please note that parents cannot edit or delete approval notes once they have been entered into Compass – please contact the school Office if an approval note has been entered in error.

## QUICK GUIDE FOR REPORTING ABSENCES, LATE ARRIVAL & LEAVE DURING SCHOOL HOURS

TYPE OF ABSENCE	ACTION
Full-day absence	Enter on Compass
Extended absences <i>e.g. holiday</i>	Enter on Compass ( <i>change start and finish dates</i> )
Arriving to school late	Sign child <b>IN</b> via Kiosk – <i>do NOT enter on Compass</i>
Leaving school early	Sign child <b>OUT</b> via Kiosk – <i>do NOT enter on Compass</i>
Leaving and returning – same day	Sign child <b>OUT</b> via Kiosk upon departure and <b>IN</b> via Kiosk upon return – <i>do NOT enter on Compass</i>

## Office

The Office handles all administrative matters, payments and enquiries – please pop in and see the lovely Office ladies should you require any assistance (including access to the Internet). Please note that the Office is unattended from 8.30am to 8.50am daily, due to compulsory staff briefing, and closes at 4.00pm each school day - earlier on the last day of term.

## Online Payment / Consent for Excursions & Incursions

Notification of excursions and incursions requiring online payment / consent are posted to the Compass News Feed. If payment is required, a payment section will appear for you to enter your credit card details **before** you can provide consent. **Please ensure that online payment and consent forms are completed by the due date. Please note that if payment / consent is NOT completed by the 'due by date', you will no longer be able to provide online payment / consent and your child will be unable to participate / attend.**

## Qkr Payments

Qkr (pronounced - Quicker) is a **FREE** app to enable you to use your smartphone to make various school payments including Canteen and Uniform Shop orders. A web-based version is also available at <https://qkr.mastercard.com/store/#/home>. Please see the Qkr page on our website for more information <http://beaumarisnorthps.vic.edu.au/parent-information/payments/qkr/>.

## School Hours

- 9.00am – 3.30pm (*end of term dismissal - 2.30pm, end of year dismissal – 1.30pm*).
- Recess / play lunch: 11.00am – 11.30am.
- Fruit break: 12.30pm.
- Lunchtime: 1.30pm – 2.30pm.

## Staff Directory

For a complete list of BNPS staff, please see the 'Our Staff' page on our website at: <http://beaumarisnorthps.vic.edu.au/about-us/our-staff/>. Photos of **ALL BNPS staff** are displayed on the wall opposite the Office.

## Visiting the School

If you are visiting the school for any reason **between 9.00am and 3.30pm** (excluding usual school pick-up / drop-off), you need to sign IN and OUT **via the Kiosk** at the Office – this includes taking your child to the classroom following late arrival, collecting your child from the classroom for early departure, volunteering and attending meetings.

## Communication

Beaumaris North Primary School is committed to keeping our school community informed. Please visit <http://beaumarisnorthps.vic.edu.au/parent-information/communication/> for a full list of our various communication modes.

### Assembly

Whole-school assemblies are held on Monday afternoons at 3.10pm (weather dependent) – a message will be posted on Compass to let you know if assembly is NOT being held. See: <http://beaumarisnorthps.vic.edu.au/assembly/>.

### Assessment & Reporting Program

- Term 1 - 'Meet & Greet' opportunity
- Term 2 - Parent Teacher Interviews and Semester Report
- Term 3 - Student Led Conferences
- Term 4 - Semester Report

**Ongoing feedback** about how a student is progressing is also provided via Compass 'Learning Tasks' throughout the year.

See: <http://beaumarisnorthps.vic.edu.au/curriculum/reporting-program/>

### Class Representative Program

Class Representatives provide administrative support for the teachers and the school as required and communicate to the class parent group. Class Representatives organise social events such as coffee catch ups, dinners and end-of-term / year get togethers for the class. A call for expressions of interest in a Class Representative role is sent out to current BNPS parents at the end of each year (in preparation for the year ahead) and again at the beginning of the year if the position is not filled. Parents may also be invited by their class teacher. See: <http://beaumarisnorthps.vic.edu.au/class-representatives-program/>.

### Compass Parent Portal

Compass is our school management system for parents, staff and students. The parent portal enables you to:

- Access a **DAILY** News Feed and school documents
- Provide online payment / consent for excursions and incursions
- Report full-day absences and monitor attendance
- View your child's Learning Task feedback & Semester Reports
- Book Parent/Teacher Interviews
- View the School Calendar

We strongly recommend that you **login to Compass on a daily basis** as this is our **primary means of communication** (information from teachers or the school is NOT sent home in hard copy). News items are posted to the News Feed **daily**, usually by 3.30pm. We encourage you to make use of the Compass page on our



website which includes FAQs and video tutorials on various modules and to email [beaumaris.north.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:beaumaris.north.ps@education.vic.gov.au) at any time should you require assistance.

## **Contacting Teachers**

Notes may be passed to teachers (via the Purple Folder for Prep – Year 2) or an email can be sent to: [beaumaris.north.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:beaumaris.north.ps@education.vic.gov.au). This email account is checked regularly throughout the day and emails are forwarded on as appropriate. Please note that teachers are unable to respond to emails that do not come via the school email address. Informal discussions may be arranged upon request at any time throughout the year to discuss specific issues however please be assured that you will be contacted should we have any concerns.

## **Newsletter**

Our School Newsletter (Waves) is published once a fortnight. A link to the newsletter is posted on Compass and our website. Newsletters are available at all times on our website at <http://beaumarisnorthps.vic.edu.au>.

## **Purple Folder**

The 'Purple Folder' (Prep – Year 2), can be used to send information to the school or your class teacher. It is essential that this folder is brought to school every day and checked every night. A second Purple Folder is available for families living at separate addresses – please let your class teacher know if you require a second Purple Folder.

# Uniform and Personal Belongings

## Hats

All children are required to wear a broad brimmed bottle green hat for protection from the sun from **1 September until the end of April** - No Hat, No Play! Children who forget their hats will be reminded to play in the shade.

## Labelling

We urge you to **clearly label ALL garments**, in particular jackets and tops so that items can be returned through our Lost Property system. School hats, bags, lunch boxes, drink bottles and shoes should also be labelled. See: <http://beamarisnorthps.vic.edu.au/parent-information/uniform/> for our labelling guidelines.

## Lost Property

Lost Property is stored in red bins located in the Breezeway outside the Prep Learning Centre. It is the student's responsibility to promptly collect any lost property. In order to keep our Lost Property under control, parent volunteers sort items into 'labelled' and 'unlabelled' piles on a regular basis. Clearly labelled items are returned to their owners and unlabelled items remain in the red bins until the end of Term. At the end of each Term, ALL unclaimed items (named or unnamed) are donated to the Uniform Shop. Parents are notified ahead of time (via Compass) when a clean out is due to occur. We kindly ask parents to please return all items to the bins when checking for lost property (so they are not left on the ground to get wet and dirty).

To assist students and parents to be reunited with lost property, some items in our uniform range have 'Smart Tags' in them. The Uniform Shop sells packs of 2 or 5 individual tags to sew into your apparel or second-hand uniform items of your choice. A Smart Tag is a special orange label which is fitted with a microchip. Once the unique code on the label has been registered, a free SMS will be sent to you if your child's garment has made its way to Lost Property – preferably for your child to collect!

Garments with Smart Tags should also be clearly labelled with your child's name so they can recognise the item when collecting it from Lost Property.

## Money

Children should only bring money to school for over-the-counter Canteen purchases – and only a small amount. If you are sending money for your Prep / Year 1 child to purchase items from the Canteen (at lunch or recess), it is recommended that they bring a small **named** purse to keep in the front of their school bag.

## Personal Property

We strongly discourage bringing valuable items to school. The Department of Education and Training (DET) does not hold insurance nor does it accept responsibility for personal property brought to schools by students, staff and visitors. DET has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property. Any property children may bring in, such as balls, should be named.

## Uniform

All students are expected to wear the full BNPS school uniform **including the correct coloured socks, BNPS jumpers, jackets, hats and appropriate footwear**. Students should be neat and clean. See: <http://beamarisnorthps.vic.edu.au/parent-information/uniform/>.

## Uniform Shop

Uniforms can be ordered via [Qkr](#) and providing stock is available, orders will be filled within a week and delivered to your child's classroom. We also have a large offering of great value second-hand items available for purchase at the Uniform Shop (located in the Prep breezeway) which is open from 8.45 – 9.30am every Friday morning (unless notified otherwise via Compass). See: <http://beaumarisnorthps.vic.edu.au/parent-information/uniform-shop/>.

## Services and Facilities

For a full list of our facilities, please see: <http://beaumarisnorthps.vic.edu.au/about-us/our-facilities/>

### Bike Shed

A bike shed is available (entry via McDonald Street) to secure the bicycles of children who ride to and from school. The bike shed is unlocked in the morning, locked during the day and then re-opened when school is out – the Bike Shed is not locked overnight or on weekends. Bikes and scooters must be put INSIDE the Bike Shed (NOT against the outside fence!). **We strongly encourage students to bring their own bike lock to use inside the Bike Shed.**

### Canteen

Open Monday, Wednesday and Friday (not the days beginning with 'T'!) unless notified otherwise via Compass - all orders must be placed by 8.30am via Qkr - see <http://beaumarisnorthps.vic.edu.au/parent-information/payments/qkr/>. Sushi is available on Mondays and Wednesdays. Please ensure you provide your child with play lunch and fruit break if they have a lunch order (students can also purchase items with cash at recess and lunch). Our Canteen Manager operates the Canteen along with our parent volunteers. A link to a digital roster is posted on Compass - please sign up for as much or as little time as you can spare! For more information, including the Menu and Pricelist, please visit: <http://beaumarisnorthps.vic.edu.au/parent-information/canteen/>.

### Events

Information about our regular school events can be found at <http://beaumarisnorthps.vic.edu.au/about-us/our-events/>. Upcoming events can be viewed in the Compass School Calendar, please login to the [Compass Parent Portal](#) and select the 'Calendar' image at the top of the screen in the browser version (next to 'Home'). Reminders about upcoming events are posted on Compass and can also be found on our website under 'News & Events', and in our fortnightly School Newsletter.

### Map of School

A map of the school is located in the foyer and can also be downloaded at: <http://beaumarisnorthps.vic.edu.au/about-us/map-of-bnps/>.

### Outside School Hours Care (OSHC)

Our OSHC Program operates on school days from 7.30 to 8.45am and 3.30 to 6.00pm, and on Curriculum / Pupil Free days between 7.30am and 6.00pm. See: <http://beaumarisnorthps.vic.edu.au/parent-information/outside-school-hours-care-oshc/>.

### School Council

School Council is the body that sets the vision, determines priorities, and ensures that the school is responsive to the needs of the local community. Parents provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school – we encourage you to become involved. School Council also manages our Uniform Shop, Outside School Hours Care (OSHC), Canteen and special subcommittees as required. See: <http://beaumarisnorthps.vic.edu.au/about-us/school-council/>.

## Toilets

NO adults are to access student toilets for their own use at any time. If non-school children require the urgent use of an amenity, student toilets may be used under strict parent supervision. If a parent requires the urgent use of an amenity, the disabled toilet in the main building may be used ('Staff' toilets are for staff only).

# Health and Wellbeing

## Behaviour and Restorative Practices

Restorative Practice is the approach we use when dealing with any incident in our school. Restorative Practices are innovative ways to build safe, respectful and caring communities whilst supporting students to take responsibility for their actions. See: <http://beamarisnorthps.vic.edu.au/behaviour/> and <http://beamarisnorthps.vic.edu.au/restorative-practices/>.

## 'Be You' Program

Led by Beyond Blue, in partnership with Early Childhood Australia and Headspace, Be You is an integrated national initiative that supports the mental health and wellbeing of children and young people, from the early years to 18, across every learning community. See: <http://beyou.edu.au/>.

## Buddy System

A buddy system is in place to assist new students to settle into BNPS in a caring and supportive way. See: <http://beamarisnorthps.vic.edu.au/curriculum/extra-curricular-activities/buddy-program/>.

## Celebrating at School

Beamaris North Primary School request that no food or treats be sent to school. This will align with our Anaphylaxis Policy.

## Child Safety

BNPS is committed to the safety and wellbeing of all children. Our documentation relating to the important Child Safe Standards (*Child Safe Policy, Child Safety Code of Conduct and Statement of Commitment to Child Safety*) can be found on the BNPS Policies page of our website at <http://beamarisnorthps.vic.edu.au/about-us/policies/> - we strongly encourage you to familiarise yourself with these. **It is important to note that it is now a criminal offence for school staff not to report any reasonable suspicion that a child has been abused, or is at risk of being abused** (including abuse that has, or is suspected to have taken place within or outside of school grounds and hours).

## Cyber Safety

A copy of the 'eSmart Internet Acceptable Use Agreement' will be given to your child and explained by the teacher – please discuss, sign and return (students are NOT allowed to access the internet until this form has been received). See: <http://beamarisnorthps.vic.edu.au/esmart/>.

## Dog Therapy

Our Therapy Dog, Archie, comes to school with our Wellbeing Officer. We understand that there may be some families who do not want Archie to work directly with their child. An online 'opt out' form is made available during the enrolment process.

## Emergency Management

BNPS has a comprehensive Emergency Action Plan in case of an emergency. There are two main evacuation areas: the Oval and Basketball courts. When the emergency signal is activated, all members of the school community are required to stop and listen to the instructions that follow the signal. They will then be instructed to move to the designated evacuation area and report to a staff member in a bright fluoro vest.

## eSmart

BNPS is an official 'eSmart School'. eSmart is a guiding framework for schools to implement a whole-school culture and behaviour change relevant to the smart, safe and responsible use of digital technologies. See: <http://beaumarisnorthps.vic.edu.au/esmart/>.

## Essential Agreement

BNPS has developed shared expectations that we call 'The Essential Agreement' drawn up between students, staff and parents of the school community on what we value and demonstrate at BNPS to ensure that the learning, safety and rights of all are respected. See: <http://beaumarisnorthps.vic.edu.au/essential-agreement/>.

## First Aid

We have two school-based First Aid Officers who are responsible for administering exceptional First Aid for the students and staff of BNPS. See: <http://beaumarisnorthps.vic.edu.au/first-aid-at-bnps/>.

## Food at School

We encourage all children to bring healthy food for all meals. Children require food for:

Recess	11.00am - 11.30am	A small healthy snack
Fruit break	12.30pm	A piece of fresh fruit or vegetable
Lunch	1.30pm - 2.30pm	A healthy lunch

Please indicate to your child what they should eat at recess, fruit break and lunch, and ensure all food containers are labelled. Due to the high risk of cross contamination, **it would be appreciated if you could refrain from sending any food to school containing nuts** e.g. peanut butter sandwiches, Nutella, loose nuts and snack bars containing nuts.

## Head Lice

Head Hunters is our head lice detection program. Every child in the school is checked once per term, by members of our parent community (trained to check for head lice). We encourage the whole school community to be vigilant with checking their child's hair to prevent outbreaks and ask that parents advise class teachers of any cases identified at home. See: <http://beaumarisnorthps.vic.edu.au/head-hunters-program/>.

## Parent Involvement

Parental involvement is a key feature of BNPS. This collaborative approach results in the development of positive attitudes and educational outcomes for our students. We warmly invite you to become involved in the BNPS community and your child's education by:

- Reading the DAILY Compass Parent Portal News Feed

- Being an active 'BNPS Parents & Friends' participant - ALL BNPS parents / friends are welcome and considered to be members of our 'BNPS Parents & Friends'!
- Joining various committees e.g. Fete Committee, School Council and / or Canteen
- Volunteering for Canteen Duty (Monday, Wednesday and Friday), Uniform Shop, Head Hunters (head lice detection program) and Class Representatives Program
- Attending Parent-Teacher Interviews, Student Led Conferences, Open Classrooms and 'Meet & Greet' opportunities
- Attending events and performances e.g. Carols, Concerts, Fete and Music Soirees
- Assisting in occasional classroom activities e.g. Literacy Groups, excursions and Swimming Program

Please note that anyone wishing to volunteer at BNPS is required to provide a valid Working with Children Check – see 'Working with Children Check' below.

## Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy

This **very important** document underpins all of our strategies for managing student wellbeing including the rights and responsibilities of staff, students and parents. See: <http://beamarisnorthps.vic.edu.au/about-us/policies/>.

## Water Bottles

Please encourage your child to bring a water bottle to school to use in the classroom.

## Wellbeing Officer

We employ a school-based registered Psychologist as our Wellbeing Officer to support the mental health and wellbeing of all students and staff at BNPS. See: <http://beamarisnorthps.vic.edu.au/wellbeing/>.

## Working with Children Check

Anyone wishing to volunteer at BNPS is required to present a valid Working with Children Check (WWCC) card at the Office. This applies to **ALL parent volunteer positions** e.g. Literacy groups, Canteen, Mother's / Father's Day Stalls, Uniform Shop, Bike Education, Excursions, Head Hunters, Sports Days, Student Disco, Class Reps, Fete, Market Night, Year 6 Graduation and School Concert etc. Apply online at <http://workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au> – checks are free and valid for 5 years!

## Yard Duty Supervision

Staff exercise a great amount of care when supervising students within the school grounds. Teaching staff supervise the grounds during lunch and recess breaks, and are on duty from 8.45am - 9.00am **before** school and from 3.30pm - 3.45pm **after** school. Students must NOT be left alone in the school grounds before 8.45am or after 3.45pm as the school does NOT provide formal supervision for children who are on the premises before or after these times. Parents are responsible for their children when they are in the school ground beyond the duty hours of teachers.



# Important School Rules

## BNPS Policies

School Council develops, reviews and updates school policies according to a formal review schedule - these policies must be adhered to. See: <http://beamarisnorthps.vic.edu.au/about-us/policies/>.

## Climbing Trees NOT permitted

For the safety of children and to protect our natural environment, the climbing of trees is against our school rules and is NOT permitted at any time – children must play away from the fences and not in garden beds. Teachers enforce this rule during the hours of duty however parents are responsible for their children beyond this time – please supervise your children carefully to prevent injury.

## Dogs in the School Grounds

**Dogs are NOT permitted on the school oval at all between the hours of 7.30am and 6.00pm** (when our students are in attendance and when our Outside School Hours Care program is operating) – **even if they are on a leash**. Dogs are allowed to run on the oval (on or off leash) **BEFORE 7.30am and AFTER 6.00pm ONLY**. Dogs **ARE** permitted in other areas of the school grounds during the above mentioned times but **MUST be kept on a hand-held leash**.

Only adults are permitted to be in charge of dogs on school premises and they must be responsible for their dog at all times which means **making sure the dog is kept a safe distance away from students (including line-up areas) and other dogs in the school ground**. Dogs are NOT permitted to be tied up and left unattended. Owners are kindly asked to ensure that their dog does not disrupt Assembly. It is the responsibility of the dog owner to clean up after their dog (and remove from school property).

## Riding in the School Grounds

Riding of scooters, bikes, skateboards etc., is NOT permitted in the school grounds at drop-off or pick-up (school and non-school children), see: <http://beamarisnorthps.vic.edu.au/riding-in-to-and-from-school/>.

## Staff Carparks

For safety reasons, parents and students are NOT permitted to walk through staff car parks OR use them for parking – please use pedestrian paths.

## Two Minute 'Kiss N Go' Zone

There are two 'Kiss N Go' zones on Wood Street where you can quickly drop off and/or collect your child – **this is NOT a parking area** – you are NOT allowed to park for longer than two minutes, double-park or go into school. You may get out of your car (within 2 minutes) but if you need to walk your child in, you must park in one of the surrounding streets, in a legal parking area, see: <http://beamarisnorthps.vic.edu.au/parking/>. Bayside City Council regularly monitors this and issues fines.

## Use of Mobile Phones and Electronic Devices

Whilst on school property and during school excursions and camps, use of mobile phones or personal electronic devices is NOT permitted by students unless specifically authorised by the Principal. This includes Smart watches.

# Curriculum & Extra-curricular Activities

## Curriculum

Our Curriculum is based on the Primary Years Programme (PYP) of the International Baccalaureate (IB), and the Victorian Curriculum. PYP provides a framework that supports students to become active inquirers and lifelong learners. For more information see: <http://beamarisnorthps.vic.edu.au/curriculum/primary-years-programme-pyp/> and <http://beamarisnorthps.vic.edu.au/curriculum/victorian-curriculum/>.

Units of Inquiry being studied along with a 'Curriculum News' update each term are posted on Compass and the BNPS website. See: <http://beamarisnorthps.vic.edu.au/curriculum/curriculum-updates-units-of-inquiry/> and <http://beamarisnorthps.vic.edu.au/parent-information/curriculum-news/>.

## Extra-Curricular Activities

Many extra-curricular activities and opportunities for the wellbeing of our students are offered including: Lunch Clubs, Life Education, Swimming Program, the BNPS Instrumental Music Program (user pays basis), Flute Ensemble, School Band, Student Voice, Bike Education (Year 4 & 5), Early Morning Maths (Year 3 – 6), Camping Program (Year 4 – 6), Choir (Year 3 – 6), and Singing Lessons (Year 2 – 6, user pays basis). See: <http://beamarisnorthps.vic.edu.au/curriculum/extra-curricular-activities/>.

## House System

BNPS provides a House System for student activities. Family members are placed in the same House and new students with no siblings are placed in a way which ensures even numbers across the four Houses. Students from Years 4 - 6 have the opportunity to participate in House Cross Country, Athletic Carnivals and House Swimming. See: <http://beamarisnorthps.vic.edu.au/house-system/>.

## Inter-school Sport

Students participate in Inter-school Sport when they reach Year 5 and 6 - they compete against other schools in the surrounding suburbs. See: <http://beamarisnorthps.vic.edu.au/curriculum/specialist-programs/physical-education/>.

## Library

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 from Prep – Year 2 receive a weekly specialist Library lesson (30 minutes) taken by a trained Teacher Librarian. For book borrowing purposes, children are encouraged to have a protective Library bag labelled with both their first name and surname. See: <http://beamarisnorthps.vic.edu.au/curriculum/library/>.

## Specialist Programs

A significant feature of the Curriculum are our Specialist Programs: Japanese, The Arts - Music, Physical Education and The Arts - Visual Arts. A 'Specialist News' update will be provided each term (via Compass and the BNPS website: <http://beamarisnorthps.vic.edu.au/parent-information/specialist-news/>). A Specialists' Timetable will be available on Compass – please support your child and ensure they have the appropriate items on the correct day. See: <http://beamarisnorthps.vic.edu.au/curriculum/specialist-programs/>.

## **Student Leadership**

Students in Year 3 – 6 are provided with the opportunity to develop the personal skills required to undertake leadership roles. Student leadership positions are elected annually and generally appointed within the first two weeks of the year. See: <http://beaumarisnorthps.vic.edu.au/curriculum/extra-curricular-activities/leadership-program/>.

## **Year Level Information**

Information by Year Level on excursions, incursions, extra-curricular activities, homework, Units of Inquiry and other special events can be found on Compass and at: <http://beaumarisnorthps.vic.edu.au/parent-information/year-level-information/>.

**Finally, don't forget to check out our 'A-Z Parent Guide' for anything else you need to know about BNPS! This (along with loads of other information!) can be accessed on our comprehensive website at:**  
**<http://www.beaumarisnorthps.vic.edu.au>**