



# CURRICULUM POLICY

## BELL PARK NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

### 1. OVERVIEW

Curriculum covers all the arrangements the school makes for students' development and learning. It includes the course content, student activities, teaching approaches, the way in which teachers and classes are organised and decisions on the need for and the use of facilities and resources.

Bell Park North Primary School encourages its students to strive for excellence in all of their endeavours. To achieve this, the school provides sequential teaching and learning programs that deliver a comprehensive, broadly based and culturally inclusive curricula.

Each year the school will map out its curriculum offerings. It will be in the form of a Curriculum Plan.

Bell Park North Primary School will meet the minimum standard with:

- **A time allocation per each of the eight learning areas** (Appendix 1)
- **An explanation of how curriculum and teaching practice will be reviewed** (statement is at 3.4 of this Guide)
- **An Outline of how the school will deliver its curriculum** is found in the Bell Park North Primary School Scope and Sequence.
- **A whole school curriculum** (Appendix 1).
- **A documented strategy to improve student learning outcomes** (found within the School Strategic Plan)

### 2. CURRICULUM GUIDELINES

Bell Park North Primary School will recognise and respond to diverse student needs when developing its curriculum programs and curriculum plan.

Bell Park North Primary School will comply with all DET guidelines about the length of student instruction time required in Victorian schools.

There is a broad offering of programs designed to enhance effective learning for the 21st century.

The Department of Education and Training and Bell Park North Primary School place a high priority on the teaching of all Disciplines within the Victorian Curriculum and the capabilities embedded within them.

Preparing young people for their transitional stages from kindergarten to secondary will be a critical element of curriculum planning.

Teaching and learning programs will be resourced through Program Budgets.

### 3. PROGRAM

#### 3.1 Program Development

Bell Park North Primary School will provide a variety of programs that will address the specific needs of students in relation to gender, special learning needs, disabilities and impairments, giftedness, aboriginal (Koori) and or Torres Strait Islanders, refugees and students from language backgrounds other than English.

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The school will identify and cater for the different needs of particular cohorts of students when developing its curriculum plan. In developing its curriculum plan the school will provide a broad range of educational pathways to ensure improved student outcomes.

The Victorian Curriculum will be used as a framework for curriculum development and delivery at Foundation-Year 10 in accordance with DET policy and Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA) guidelines. It incorporates the Australian Curriculum and reflects Victorian priorities and standards.

Bell Park North Primary School will ensure compliance and quality assurance requirements to VRQA Standards.

The school when developing its Curriculum Plan will provide at least 25 hours student instruction per week.

### 3.2 Program Implementation

The Bell Park North Primary School Curriculum Committee will determine the curriculum program for the following year, based on student demand and the needs of the school's Curriculum Plan to maintain balance and a broad provision of subject choices. Input will be sought from the relevant staff in the curriculum area when determining programs for the following school year.

To facilitate this implementation, course handbooks, assessment criteria and record keeping documentation and proformas will be produced that reflect the Vic Curriculum.

The DET and Bell Park North Primary School requirements related to the teaching of all Disciplines within the Victorian Curriculum will continue to be implemented.

The use of Digital Technologies will be integrated across the curriculum to support the improvement of teaching and learning outcomes and adheres to DET's School Policy & Advisory Guide ['Using Digital Technologies to Support Learning and Teaching'](#) and the school's own endorsed policy.

Curriculum leaders will be required to review their policy statement and prepare a comprehensive annual program budget and submit these to School Council.

### 3.3 Student Wellbeing and Learning (see Appendix 11: Engagement and Well-Being Policy)

Bell Park North Primary School will embed student wellbeing in all learning experiences by aligning student welfare and curriculum policies and creating an educational environment and curriculum that is inclusive and meaningful to all students:

- providing an integrated and comprehensive curriculum approach that incorporates the personal and social issues of students into their daily learning experiences
- providing a flexible, relevant, inclusive and appropriate curriculum
- accommodating student developmental needs within the Victorian Curriculum's stages of schooling (F-2 and 3-8)

#### 3.3.1 Students with Disabilities

The Department of Education and Training and Bell Park North Primary School is committed to delivering an inclusive education system that ensures all students, including students with disabilities, have access to a quality education that meets their diverse needs.

Bell Park North Primary School will liaise with DET to provide suitable programs and resources to support the delivery of high quality schooling for students with disabilities.

#### 3.3.2 Koorie Education

Bell Park North Primary School is committed to providing culturally appropriate and inclusive programs to Koorie students though:

- working in partnership with the Koorie community to develop an understanding of Koorie culture and the interpersonal relationship with the Koorie community (The Wathaurong Aboriginal Co-op), for example via Local Aboriginal Education Consultative Groups (LAECG)
- supporting the development of high expectations and individualised learning for Koorie students

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- creating an environment that respects, recognises and celebrates cultural identity through practice and curriculum
- implementing initiatives and programs that meet student needs and in partnership with the Koorie community.

### 3.4 Program Evaluation & Review

The Curriculum Committee will meet regularly (at least twice per term) to track whole school data and identify potential curriculum areas that require focus. Data analysed will include, but is not limited to, NAPLAN, school based testing, teacher judgments based on learning outcomes in the Victorian Curriculum. Tools used will include SPA and COMPASS.

Every year our school will do an audit of the curriculum. This will enable professional learning teams to see which Learning Areas, Capabilities, Standards, Strands, Sub-strands and Levels of the Vic Curriculum are currently being addressed. This audit will inform future curriculum planning.

Student learning outcomes data will be reported in the Annual Report to the School Community provided to the DET, and also available on the State Register maintained by the Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority and on the school website.

## 4. LINKS AND APPENDICES (including processes related to this policy)

Links to DET School Policy & Advisory Guide:

- [Curriculum](#)
- [Using Digital Technologies to Support Learning and Teaching](#)
- [Student Wellbeing and Learning](#)
- [Students with Disabilities](#)
- [Koorie Education](#)

Appendices which are connected with this policy are:

- Appendix 1: Whole School Curriculum Plan with hours
  - Bell Park North Primary School Curriculum Planning document
  - Victorian Curriculum Planning website for examples and templates.  
<http://curriculumplanning.vcaa.vic.edu.au/by-school>
- Appendix 2: School Values Overview
- Appendix 3: English Policy
- Appendix 4: Mathematics Policy
- Appendix 5: Integrated Inquiry Policy
  - Integrated Inquiry Overview
- Appendix 6: Digital Technology Policy
- Appendix 7: STEM Policy
- Appendix 8: Assessment Policy
- Appendix 9: Templates/Proformas
  - Curriculum Mapping Tool (select curriculum area then scroll down to find Curriculum Mapping Tool)
  - Work Program Planner Templates
    - Maths
    - English
    - Integrated Inquiry
- Appendix 10: Engagement and Well-being Policy

## 5. EVALUATION

This policy will be reviewed annually or more often if necessary due to changes in regulations or circumstances.

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