

A nurturing and welcoming local school for students in Kindergarten (K) to Year 6.

Contact our friendly school office for more information, a private tour and to enrol





The staff, children and parents of Belrose Public School would like to welcome you and your family to our wonderful school.

Belrose is committed to the pursuit of excellence and the provision of high-quality educational opportunities for every student. Our vision is to develop confident students who connect and succeed through diverse opportunities, feel challenged and motivated to aspire to personal excellence, succeed to their personal best and thrive in a safe and supportive environment where every child is known and valued.

Belrose offers a rich variety of extra-curricular programs which includes Maths Olympiads, Chess Club, PSSA sport, K-2 fundamental sports skills, training and performance bands, choirs and dance groups, specialised music lessons and K-2 musicals, Japanese lessons K-4, Year 6 leadership opportunities, public speaking, environment groups and coding.

We trust that this booklet will serve as a valuable reference during your years at this school. We have included a brief explanation of many of the activities, policies, rules and routines which make up our school.

Your involvement and participation in your child's education is most important, whether you can assist with class activities such as reading groups, help in the canteen, working bees or join our P&C Association and become involved in the decision-making process of the school.

As your child settles into school life, you will have the exciting opportunity of observing his or her educational, emotional and physical development in a new setting.

If you have any queries or questions, you are most welcome to contact me via my email or the school's office.

Once again, welcome to Belrose Public School and I wish you and your family a most happy and successful time with us.

Regards,

Belinda Zorian, Principal Belinda.storr@det.nsw.edu.au





General Information

Bell times

8:30am	Before school play
9:00am	School day commence
11:00 - 11:20am	Recess
12:50 - 1:45pm	Lunch
3:00pm	School finishes

Children are encouraged to arrive no earlier than 8:30am as before this time there is no supervision, except in the case of chess club, maths club, or special groups such as dance, choir or band.

Children need to head home after the 3pm bell or attend the front office until an adult arrives to collect them.

Assemblies

All parents are welcome to attend our assemblies from 2.20pm most Mondays in the school hall. Please check the newsletter to confirm assembly dates and times.

Celebration assembly

We hold a Celebration of Learning Assembly at the end of Terms 1, 2 and 3 and Presentation Assemblies at the end of the year. Parents are invited to attend as we highlight our students' achievements in all areas of school life and showcase our performing arts groups.

Absences from school

Regular attendance at school is compulsory for children who have turned 6 years of age. If students are kept at home for any reason, please notify the school by email or phone.

For longer absences such as overseas trips, a special exemption form can be completed at the school office. If you need to pick up your child early, please come to the office and complete an 'early departure slip' and present this to your child's class teacher before leaving the school grounds.

Emergency contact details

Contact details provided upon enrolment are used in case of emergency, illness or accident. The school should be notified of any change of address, telephone number, place of employment or contact details to ensure prompt communication.

Before and after school care

Out of School Hours Care (OOSHC) and Vacation Care is available on site. Before School Care from 7am, After School Care to 6pm. Contact on **0430 247 493** or our school office for further details. Child Care Benefits are available.

Medication at school

If your child needs to take medication during school hours, please contact the school's office. An indemnity form can be completed for all students requiring daily medication.



General Information

School tours

Parents and prospective parents are most welcome to arrange a tour of our school. Please phone the office to make a time when the Principal or a member of staff can share what Belrose Public School has to offer.

Homework

Homework is considered important in the development of regular work habits. It is relevant to classroom work and provides valuable reinforcement of basic skills. Parents are encouraged to take an active interest in their child's homework.

Parents are encouraged to speak with their child's class teacher if they have any questions or concerns about homework.

Enrolment procedures

Children who turn 5 before August 1 can be enrolled in Kindergarten at the beginning of that year. Each year a comprehensive Orientation Program is offered to assist students and parents to settle in to school routines. The school also provides a Transition Program for children ready to start Kindergarten in the following year. Eligible students who are not Australian citizens are most welcome at Belrose Public School and procedures are in place to help families complete all necessary documents.

Buses

Students in K-2 are entitled to a free bus pass. Students in Years 3-6 who live more than 1.6km (radially) from the school are also entitled to a free bus pass. Applications for the free Opal card can be made online at the Transport NSW website. Staff supervise children waiting for buses after school.

Bikes

KidsafeNSW advise that children should hold an adult's hand whilst crossing roads until they are at least 10 years of age. Children may ride, at the discretion of their parents to and from school. Parents are urged to ensure that their child has proper bike control and knowledge of road rules. Safety helmets are compulsory, and bikes must not be ridden within school grounds.

Lost property

All students' belongings should be clearly named with their current school year and class. Articles not named are stored in the LOST PROPERTY baskets outside the office area.





The School Uniform

The school uniform

Belrose Public School takes great pride in the appearance of our students. The wearing of the school uniform by children is fully supported and endorsed by the Parents and Citizens Association of Belrose Public School. It is policy for children to wear the school hat. The school supports a 'no hat, stay in the shade' policy.

Uniform shop

The Uniform Shop is operated by the P&C. It is currently open on Thursday from 2.45pm in the library building. At other times, items can be ordered through the Flexischools app and the order will be filled as soon as possible. In addition, it also sells school backpacks, library/excursion bags, chair bags and hair bows and headbands. Second-hand items are also for sale at lower costs.

Summer uniform

Girls	Boys
Tunic or	Short sleeve blue shirt
Shorts, tailored shirt and tab	Grey shorts
White socks	Grey socks
Black school shoes	Black school shoes

Winter uniform

Girls	Boys
Long sleeve shirt and tunic or	Long sleeve blue shirt
Navy pants and tailored shirt	Grey long pants
Navy tights or white socks	Grey socks
Black school shoes	School tie
Polar fleece jacket	Black school shoes



Communicating With Parents

Parent/teacher meetings

Parent/Teacher meetings and interviews are scheduled throughout the year for general information and reporting purposes. However, parents are always welcome to arrange a meeting with teachers at a mutually convenient time.

Email

Email is another form of communication. Please notify the school if your email address changes. The newsletter's link is sent to the nominated family email address.

School bytes portal

The School Bytes App provides flexibility for parents to conveniently make payments online, download a receipt and complete and submit digital permission notes. Without a signed permission form, your child may be disappointed at not being able to participate.

Sentral app for parents

The Sentral App for Parents provides all school calendar dates, attendance history, notifications to the school of absences and school reports. Important messages are sent directly to your mobile device.



Social media

The Belrose Public School's official Facebook page shares photographs of key events. The P&C Facebook page shares P&C information on student and community events. Each class has a communication platform for class related information.

The school website

The school website is continually updated, and it is a useful way to source permission notes and up to date information about school events. Our newsletter is shared each Thursday and can be accessed via the school website.





School Fees and Payments

Collection of money

Each term, families receive a Statement of Account including an explanation of the costs with payment due during that term. Other payments may be required throughout the year to cover additional activities such as excursions or a visiting show. The School Bytes Portal will allow parents to make payments online.

Excursions and visiting performers

Excursions and visiting performers are a part of the school's educational program and are linked to classroom programs. Overnight excursions occur in Year 5 and 6. All students are expected to participate in excursions as they are often arranged to complement classroom learning in a unit of work. Digital permission is necessary for a student to participate in an excursion. Excursion costs are closely monitored and kept to a minimum. No child will be excluded from an excursion on financial grounds. Parents are always encouraged to speak with the school office or Principal with any concerns.





Teaching and Learning Programs

Educational programs at Belrose Public School are developed by our teachers, based on the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) syllabus requirements. There are six **Key Learning Areas** across teaching and learning programs. All students are provided with learning experiences according to their stage of development.

These Key Learning Areas are:

English

- Speaking and Listening
- Reading and Viewing
- Writing and Representing

Mathematics

- Space and Geometry
- Measurement
- Statistics and probability
- Data
- Patterns and Algebra
- Working Mathematically

Science and Technology

- Working Scientifically
- Design and Production
- Physical World
- Earth and Space
- Living World
- Material World
- Digital Technologies

Human Society and its Environment

- History
- Geography

Creative Arts

- Visual Arts
- Music
- Dance
- Drama

Personal Development, Health and Physical Education

- Wellbeing and Relationships
- Movement Skills, Gymnastics and Performance
- Healthy, Safe and Active Lifestyles
- Child Protection
- Drug Education

Languages





Assessment and Reporting

Continuous assessment

The assessment of student progress is a continuous process throughout each year and across K-6. Student work samples are kept as part of the assessment process. These provide evidence of children's learning in each subject area and give children the responsibility for their achievements.

Naplan

Students in Year 3 and Year 5 sit the statewide National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) during Term 1.



Check-ins

Students in Year 4 and Year 6 sit the online Numeracy and Reading Check-In Assessment in Term 1 followed by Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 in Term 4 of each year. These results guide teaching and learning programs.

Student reports

The school provides two written student reports each year. These reports go home at the end of Term 2 and Term 4. Parent/teacher interviews are conducted at the end of Term 1 where we encourage all parents to make a time to speak with their child's class teacher.

Personalised learning

All students' individual progress in Reading, Writing and Numeracy are monitored and tracked using our K-6 data wall and online platforms. All staff meet at the data wall to engage in a process of consistent teacher judgement of student work samples and to monitor student growth and achievement. This has resulted in significant growth in achievement across the school and for individual students to exceed their expected growth in all key learning areas. Data on how well the school is achieving is communicated by the Principal at P&C meetings as well as in the Annual School Report.



The Arts

Band

All students in Years 3-6 are invited to join the school band and learn a musical instrument. A Belrose Public School membership is highly sought after. Practices are held each week.

Instrument compatibility (dexterity and blow tests) occur in Year 2 with a written offer to join the Training Band and the recommended instrument. It is not expected that your child undertakes music tuition before joining the band. Our band program is inclusive and a place in the Training Band is offered to all applicants.

There is an annual band camp, tour, festivals and school and community events which all members of the band are expected to attend. The band programs are a user-pay initiative and are strongly supported by our parents who are encouraged to be involved in the band committee, organisation and administration. Contact with the band is by email: Bpsbandprogram@gmail.com

Choir

Student in Years 3-6 are invited to join the Primary choir which aims to develop choral skills through a varied singing program. The Years 3-6 choir performs at the Sydney Town Hall. Choirs may audition for School Spectacular, an arena spectacular featuring over 370 schools.

Special Music lessons

All K-6 students attend Music and Dance lessons by our Specialist Music Teacher. This program is offered by the school and tuition is incorporated into teaching timetable.

Musical

At the end of Term 3, all K-2 students sing, dance and act in our Musical production. All dances are choreographed by our teachers and music specialist. Parents and extended family enjoy being part of the audience with a digital copy to take home.

Dance

The school has a specialist music and dance teacher. Belrose has a number of dance groups which aim to develop skills and enjoyment across a varied program. As well as enhancing students' performance skills, the ideals of commitment and responsibility are also developed through this extra-curricular activity.

Stage 3 Hip Hop and Girls Dance group along with our Stage 2 dance group enjoy performing at Glen Street Theatre as well as at many of our assemblies and festivals.





Enrichment Opportunities

Student leadership

All students at Belrose Public School are given the opportunity to develop leadership skills. These opportunities occur formally and informally and are integrated as a meaningful part of the school curriculum.

Year 6 Captains and Vice-captains are elected by the whole school at the end of each year. The student leadership team serve to represent the student body, ably supported by all of our Year 6 leaders.

High potential and gifted students

At Belrose, we recognise the developmental nature of giftedness and the importance of a nurturing environment to develop students gifts and talents. Whether it is intellectual giftedness or extraordinary capabilities in the sports, visual or performing arts, each child is recognised and challenged so that they can fulfil their true potential. In addition, the school offers Maths Olympiad, Maths and Chess Clubs, Coding and STEM.

Davidson high school links

Students in Years 5-6 are invited to become part of the High Potential Gifted Education program with the high school. One day per week over a term, students attend the enrichment program which aims to extend students in a variety of key learning areas.

Public speaking competition

All children K-6 participate in the school's public speaking program. This includes assemblies led by students, class activities, grade activities and whole school activities. Students prepare for the Belrose Public Speaking Competition throughout Term 3 and finalists represent our school at the Community of School's competition.

Premier's spelling bee

Students in Year 3-6 participate in the Premier's Spelling Bee and finalists represent our school at the inter-school's competition.

University competitions

Students at Belrose Public School are given the opportunity to enter various competitions throughout the school year. The ICAS assessments series is designed to assess each student's ability to apply classroom learning in new contexts using problem solving and higher order thinking skills. Assessment includes Digital Technologies, Mathematics, Science and English.



Technology

"At Belrose Public School we learn locally and think globally"

21st century learners

Belrose Public School is committed to the integration of technology across all aspects of education for all students from Kindergarten to Year 6.

As 21st century learners, students are given opportunities to use technology to redefine the way that learning takes place. Students are encouraged to collaborate, discover and create so that the classroom is only one of many learning environments.

Depository of learning connected classroom

Using Seesaw, a student driven digital portfolio platform, allows parents to view their children's work ie drawings, photographs and videos of daily teaching and learning experiences. Teachers and parents provide valuable feedback on their journey of learning. The Google education platform is used by students to create documents, slides, forms and sheets whilst collaborating with other students and with their teachers.

Periods of 'Learning from Home' have been highly successful with continued academic growth due to the adaptability of expert teaching staff and the ability of students to collaborate, communicate and critically think whilst using a variety of technological platforms.

Interactivity

Commbox Interactive panels, student iPads and chrome books are an integral part of all classrooms, the library and specialist learning spaces. The school has a dedicated computer laboratory, providing PC platforms, a fully automated library and a connected classroom enabling video conferencing between classrooms and schools. We have a designated room for film production as well as robotics kits and spheros for coding.

Access to the Internet is available from all sites in the school and each student has a Department of Education email account. An Active Technology Committee ensures strategic planning and oversees the purchasing of appropriate resources.

A leader in science technology engineering and mathematics (STEM)

Belrose is part of the Sydney University STEM Academy and is fortunate to have a specialist Assistant Principal with a Masters of STEM education on staff. By Year 6, all students can successfully code using Hummingbird and Tinkercad for 3D printing. Belrose is featured in the SEN (Science Education News), Volume 68 Number 4 2019 and is a leading educator of 21st century learners. The Mayor of the Northern Beaches, Michael Regan enjoys attending our Open Night each year.



School Sport Programs

Sport is an important part of the Personal Development, Health and Physical Education curriculum. Teachers deliver a comprehensive fitness and sport program for all children K-6 which caters for all levels of ability and interest.

Home sport

One component of Physical Education program is Home Sport for students in Years K-6. Home Sport operates throughout the year utilising a variety of school-based activities as well as sporting grants for specialist coaches such as basketball. In order to provide quality instruction, additional staff with expertise in particular sports are employed. Students rotate between sports, ensuring exposure to a broad range of skills throughout their schooling.

Inter-school sport

Inter-school sport is organised through Warringah PSSA and is played against other schools in the zone extending from Allambie Heights to Terrey Hills.

PSSA sport at Belrose Public School is regarded as part of the Gifted & Talented program. It is primarily offered to students who demonstrate proficiency in each sport.

Annual sport carnivals

Students 8 years of age and above are encouraged to participate in annual school carnivals for cross country, athletics and swimming. Following each of these events, a school team is selected to represent the school at the Manly Warringah Zone PSSA Carnivals.

Students in Kindergarten to Year 2 will rotate through a range of activities in a school-based athletics carnival.

Sport houses

The school has 4 sport houses (illustrated below) and each child is allocated to one of these. A sport house competition occurs each year whereby points are accrued at each carnival and a BBQ is awarded to the winning house.





Excursions & Incursions

Excursions

Excursions and cultural visits are a part of the school's educational program and are linked to classroom programs. Overnight excursions occur in Year 5 and 6. All students are expected to participate in excursions as they are a part of the normal school program. Excursion costs are closely monitored, and no child is excluded from an excursion on financial grounds. Written parental permission is necessary before a student can participate in an excursion.

Incursions

An incursion is an activity organised by the school whereby an outside external service provider is employed to come into the school to run an educational activity for the students. Each year, visiting performers provide students at Belrose Public School with a culturally diverse range of learning experiences aligned to the NSW Curriculum.





Student Support

Student health

Parents are reminded that students with infectious diseases should not return to school until the required number of days has elapsed or a medical certificate is provided.

The link below, supplied by NSW Health, provides information on childhood illnesses, but does not replace a visit to the doctor.

Https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/factsheets/Pages/childhood.aspx

Immunisation

The Department of Education supports the immunisation of children before they enter Kindergarten in NSW public schools. When enrolling a child, parents are asked to provide an Immunisation History Statement.

In the event of a vaccine preventable disease in a school, non-immunised children will be required to remain at home for the duration of the outbreak, as directed by the NSW Public Health Unit.

Social and emotional expertise

Research based weekly lessons from Kindergarten to Year 6 promote social-emotional development, safety, and wellbeing of all of the students at Belrose Public School. Engaging lessons include the specific awareness of others' feelings (empathy), emotion regulation and its management, social problem solving and friendship building.

School counsellor

The School Counsellor provides students, staff and parents with learning and wellbeing support. The school counsellor is part of the school's Learning Support Team and consults with external health care professionals. Please email the school's office if you wish to speak with the school counsellor.

Learning Support Teacher

The Learning Support teacher provides direct and timely specialist assistance to students. Programs are developed in consultation with the class teacher and parents. The Learning Support teacher supports students within the classroom and through individual literacy and numeracy withdrawal programs.

The Learning Support teacher assists in developing Personalised Learning and Support Plans (PLSP) for students with special needs and ensures all students can access the curriculum.

Evidenced based early intervention reading programs

At Belrose Public School, we believe that early intervention is vital to successful learning outcomes for each student. Staff work collaboratively to provide meaningful teaching and learning programs which are differentiated to meet the needs of all students.



Student Support

Students may benefit from a targeted intervention program in phonic knowledge and word recognition. The minilit, multilit and Word Attack Program provides regular sessions for fundamental comprehension, vocabulary, spelling and phonics concepts. This program is delivered by our Learning and Support Teacher and School Learning Support Officers.

Speech therapist

At Belrose Public School, a qualified Speech Therapist resides at the school two days week. Students requiring support in this area can have weekly lessons within school hours.

English language support

Belrose Public School provides a comprehensive English language program for students from language backgrounds other than English, or for whom English is their second language or dialect. English as an Additional Language or Dialect (EALD) teacher support students within the classroom to meet the curriculum requirements, encouraging confidence in the speaking, reading and writing of English.

Learning & support team

The Learning and Support Team supports teachers in identifying and responding to the additional learning needs of students. It coordinates and facilitates a whole school approach to improving the learning outcomes

of all students. The Learning and Support Team comprises of the Principal, School Counsellor, Assistant Principals and Learning Support Teacher.

Teachers can make a student referral to the Learning and Support Team who will then determine the most appropriate course of action and assist the classroom teacher with strategies for support. Additional resources are directed to students and classes as determined by the school's Learning and Support Team.

School learning support officer (SLSO)

A number of School Learning Support Officers (SLSO) work under the direction of the Learning Support Team. They provide assistance to students with disabilities and additional learning support needs in classes.





Student Support

PBL core values

All students in NSW public schools are expected to abide by a set of core values. The Belrose Public School expectations of Respect, Responsibility and Personal Best, developed by staff, students and parents, support these core values.

The Positive Behaviour for Learning, or PBL program, is implemented school wide to reinforce the positive behaviour expected of all students in all learning, classroom and playground contexts.

Students displaying appropriate, positive behaviour may be given a Super Kid. Belrose Super Kids are free and frequent tickets used to reinforce our core values.

Awards

A cumulative merit awards system is in place to reinforce positive behaviour and acknowledge achievement throughout each student's K-6 learning journey. The Belrose Public School merit system increases in increments of bronze awards and students may be presented with a Gold award and badge at a school assembly each year. These badges are proudly worn by students during the week. Principal Awards and Student of the Week awards support our Growth Mindset focus for all students.

Reflection

All students at Belrose Public School are expected to uphold our expectations for positive behaviour. In order to support students acceptance of responsibility for their actions, a very clear set of guidelines has been established.

Minor incidents are often treated with a warning and students are engaged in a conversation about making better choices. Major incidents refer to behaviours that breech our school's expectation for positive behaviour and are considered to be of a more serious nature.

During reflection, a student meets with an Executive Teacher and restorative conferencing is coordinated by a member of the school leadership team. Parents are notified and a letter is sent home with details of the incident. Please refer to the Belrose Public School's Wellbeing Policy.

RESPECT
RESPONSIBILITY
PERSONAL BEST



Student Welfare

Behaviour management

Belrose Public School maintains a safe school environment by protecting the wellbeing of students and promoting positive relationships between students. The school is committed to providing a safe and happy learning environment, promoting positive self esteem for all students.

We encourage students to advise their class teacher or school principal of any incidents that may reflect bullying behaviour and have clear guidelines in place to prevent bullying within and outside of the school context.

Mindfulness and meditation

Term 1's sessions from Wellbeing Treasure Chest uses Meditation, Mindfulness, Creativity and Circle based discussion and reflection to:

- Teach students lifelong tools, skills and attitudes to support their wellbeing
- Develop the core competencies of Self-Awareness, Self-Management, Social Awareness, Relationship Skills, Responsible Decision Making.
- Supports growth mindset-based attitudes.
- Creates a culture of wellbeing within the classroom and school community, that is inclusive of the classroom teacher's wellbeing.

Child protection

Strict safety checks are in place to protect students, including criminal record checks of all

permanent and casual teachers. All staff complete annual mandatory child protection and emergency care training.

Child protection is taught as part of the Personal Development and Physical Education curriculum from Kindergarten to Year 6.

Drug education

The Healthy Harold's Life Education team visits Belrose Public School each year to teach Drug Education and understanding responsibility and relationships as part of the Personal Development and Physical Education curriculum.

Internet safety

Web filtering technology prevents students from accessing inappropriate material on the internet and email. Teachers will ensure students understand what responsible use of technology looks and sounds like in their class. This covers all use of technology such as research and planning, completing schoolwork, sharing information and recording text, video and images. The school reserves the right to withdraw access to technology if there is a breach of these conditions.

Racism

Anti-racism education is taught in our classrooms, and we make every effort to ensure our school is free from discrimination. Our anti-racism contact officer can assist any member of the school community who wishes to raise a complaint or concern.



Community

Parents & citizens (P&C)

P&C meetings are held in the staffroom on the second Tuesday of each month. Parents are encouraged to become active members of our parents and citizens association to meet others and to support the school.

Parents are provided with an opportunity to discuss school events and matters of common interest. Sub committees operate under the umbrella of the P&C and submit a report each meeting. Fundraising and social events are a focus of the P&C team. In recent years, the Belrose Fair, discos, raffles, "Girls Night In" Fashion Parade, Welcome Back bbqs, Movie Nights, Mother and Father's Day Stalls, Comedy Nights and various other activities have been organised by the P&C. Belrose is known for its engaging and inclusive family-friendly environment.

Eco warriors and sustainability

Kimbriki Resource Recovery Centre staff work with Belrose's Eco–Warriors to teach them about composting. Children look after the school's composting area by collecting all vegetables, fruit and foodstuffs. The compost produced enables the gardens to bear very healthy crops. With a successful grant, sets of recycling bins have been bought and the majority of rubbish is now recycled. The Garden Club meets every Thursday.

Class parents

Class parents work with the class teacher to facilitate literacy and numeracy groups within the class, helpers for class sport and in any other areas where parental assistance is required. All parents are required to complete a Working with Children Check form with relevant 100-point check documents presented at the office. Please sign in and sign out each time at the school's office before assisting within the classrooms.

Canteen

The school canteen is currently operated by the school's P&C and volunteers on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The menu is comprehensive, nutritious and seasonal. A canteen manager is employed by the P&C and assisted by parent volunteers. Orders can be made using the Flexischools online app and all meals subscribe to the Healthy School Canteen Strategy. Belrose Public School has eliminated 17,000 plastic containers by swapping disposables with compostable containers and features on the Northern Beaches community page.



School Map



Notes





Visit our website for Kindergarten Orientation Days. For more information, a personal tour, or to enrol, contact our friendly staff in the school office.

Hear from our school community

Visit our website to view a short clip to meet our Principal, Belinda Zorian, as well as some of our teachers and students who talk about what makes our school special!