



**BELMORE**  
SCHOOL

**Special Students, Special School.**



*A boutique school that enables students with physical disabilities, intellectual disabilities or health impairments to learn to the best of their abilities and live richer, fuller lives.*

**Our vision: we see smaller classes mean bigger results.**

Through our advanced curriculum, integrated therapies and leading edge technology, Belmore School is an Australian leader in Specialist education.

We provide safe, supportive learning in a boutique environment: our smaller class ratios mean we can offer sophisticated and intensive small group and individualised learning programs.

Working in close and dynamic partnerships with family members, health and other professionals, we ensure our students enjoy a positive, holistic and wholly rewarding school experience.

**Our mission: to provide a very special education.**

Belmore School strives for – and achieves – education excellence. Our unique model:

- Creates a learning context that marries technological progress with individual student needs.
- Provides a professional, multi-disciplinary team who are in constant collaboration to help students meet their individual learning goals.
- Evolves a nurturing, supportive environment for the health and wellbeing of all students, staff and visitors.
- Fosters strong relationships between our school, our families and the wider community.

**Our values: what we live and work by.**

- Opportunity
- Learning
- Teamwork
- Excellence
- Respect



**Safe and supported learning in a boutique school environment.**



## Come on in!

Located in Balwyn, Belmore School is a purpose-built government specialist school that caters for students aged 5 - 18 living in the northeast quadrant of metropolitan Melbourne.

We provide expert education, care and support for students with a range of disabilities, including physical disabilities, intellectual disabilities, autism, visual impairment or complex health issues that require paramedical aid.

We offer a comprehensive and contemporary learning program - based on the Victorian Curriculum - that develops each individual student intellectually, physically and emotionally.

We also help our students to lead richer, fuller lives by maximising their independence, competence and confidence across the functional and behavioural aspects of day-to-day life.



## Our staff are special, too.

### Teachers

Our teachers are all highly qualified and totally committed.

They lead and interact with a multi-disciplinary team of experienced professionals to deliver an integrated, individualised and fully engaging learning program.

### Physiotherapists

Working in tandem with our teachers, help students with a physical disability perform to their fullest potential and optimise their learning opportunities.

### Speech Pathologists

Help our students with their expressive communication; understanding of language; speech development; as well as their all-important eating/drinking skills.

### Occupational Therapists

Assist students to develop their independence with regard to daily living skills; including meal times, toileting and accessing classroom programs.

### Music Therapist

Uses music and dance to not only help students reach their learning goals but as a positive and nurturing means of improving general health and wellbeing.

### Visual Arts Teacher

Encourages students to expand their creative and expressive capacities, including sensory exploration and awareness.

### Aquatics Instructor

Provide individualised aquatics and hydrotherapy programs to enhance students' physical ability, stamina and co-ordination.

### Support Staff

Our extensive support staff includes education aides, therapy assistants, nurses, a wellbeing coordinator, a psychologist and a social worker. On site appointments are also available with a range of Paediatric Specialists.

At Belmore School, we pride ourselves on working together as a professional and caring team.

## Our innovative curriculum

Belmore School offers highly evolved and stimulating learning programs.

We implement individual learning plans for all students based on the Victorian Curriculum. We also use the Abilities Based Learning and Education Support (ABLES) program so that we can effectively assess and report on our students' achievements.

Our curriculum teaches life as well as learning skills to help students better navigate our ever changing world.

Subjects include::

- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- Technologies
- The Humanities
- Health and Physical Education
- The Arts
- Personal and Social Capability
- Critical and Creative Thinking
- Multi-Sensory Learning.



## Wellbeing: looked after as they learn

At Belmore School, our students are cared for and encouraged both in and out of the classroom.

Our mealtime program builds living skills that can help our students to maximise their independence.

Students' personal care needs are attended to by a dedicated 'Care Team' in a sensitive and respectful manner, in well-equipped private facilities.

Our nursing and medical intervention staff ensures students with health impairments are comprehensively cared for. Individualised medical care plans are put in place for students with chronic ill health.

From their initial Orientation Program through to their final Transition Program that helps prepare our students for success after they leave us, we are there for every one of our students, every step of the way.



Integrated **therapies,**  
inspiring **outcomes.**

## Fantastic facilities

At Belmore School, our facilities are second to none.

Safe, purpose built classrooms (complete with ceiling hoists and kitchenette) and a playground with specially designed recreation areas (including a sensory garden) create a secure yet stimulating environment.

We also provide a fully equipped Aquatics Centre, physiotherapy gymnasium and dedicated art and music spaces.

Our school is thoroughly modern and extremely well maintained.



## The latest equipment

From standing frames, to walkers, to hoists and splints, our extensive range of purpose-designed equipment supports students with all manner of physical disabilities.

Our Information and Communications Technology (ICT) equipment is also leading edge: students can access interactive TVs, modified computers, notebooks and iPads and tailored education software.

While our purpose-built gym is fully equipped with a treadmill, parallel bars, weights, bolster swing and trampoline.



## So what makes Belmore School so special?

We like to think we're just that little bit more special than other schools.

Here's what makes us different and unique:

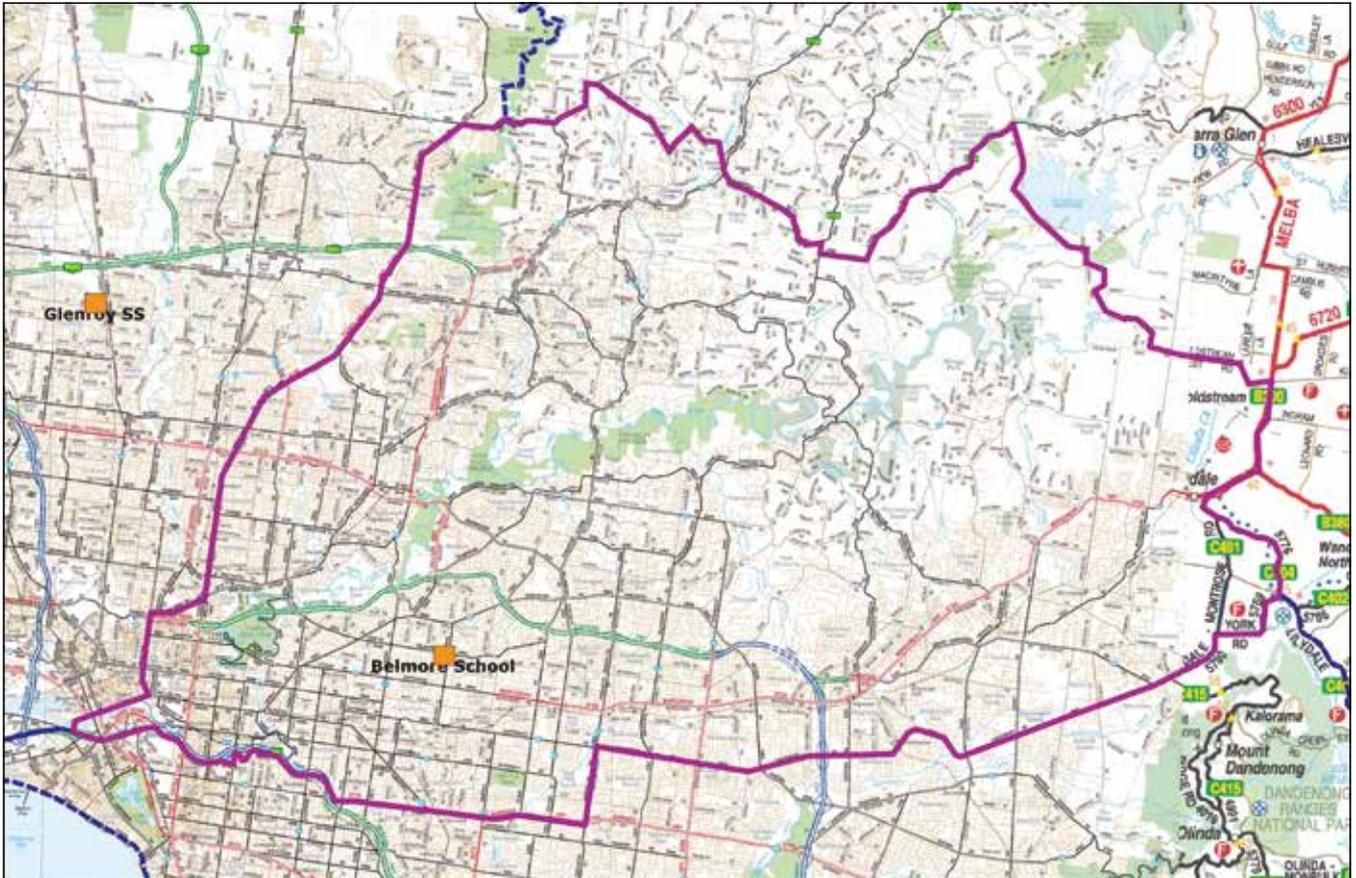
- Smaller class sizes with teachers trained in specialist education
- Integrated therapies with committed professionals working in tandem
- Safe and supportive learning environment
- Closer, more rewarding relationships between home and school
- Regular camps, excursions and incursions with a focus on inclusion into our local community
- Development of personal and interpersonal skills
- Functional living program
- Flexible dual enrolment opportunities.

**More care. More life.  
More learning.  
Everything we do  
is special.**

## Belmore School designated transport zone.

Students living in our designated transport zone (north-east quadrant) are entitled to free chaperoned bus transport to and from school.

Buses come with wheelchair access plus a designated driver and chaperone, both of whom have a sound understanding of each student's individual needs and first aid training.



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