

Transport Assistance

Students are assisted to get to school each day by a bus service contracted to the DEECD. Each bus has a driver and a chaperone and students are picked up from as far away as Aireys Inlet, Bellarine Peninsula, Lara and Inverleigh.



Parental Involvement

The school provides a friendly, caring and secure environment for the whole school community, where the rights and dignity of students, staff and families are respected. Parent participation is valued at all levels and encouraged through:

- School Council
- Parent Meetings
- Class Programs
- Excursions
- Special Events
- SSGs

School Facilities

The school is located in Belmont, Geelong, and is a purpose built facility which we moved into in 2006. The facility includes classrooms designed for our students; appropriate toilet and change facilities, extended classroom outdoor spaces, quiet rooms and access to kitchens. We have specialist areas for art, library, physical education, therapy delivery areas and food technology. In our Therapy Centre we have a hall, gym and sensory room. We also have an Aquatic Learning Centre which was completed in 2012. The school grounds are continuing to be developed. We have separate play spaces across the school with sensory equipment, play equipment, sandpits and a back yard which has a kitchen garden, chooks and Liberty swing.

An invitation is extended to families of eligible students to contact the school and arrange a visit. Bring some friends and meet the staff, students and parents of Barwon Valley School.



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BVS VALUES:
TEAMWORK RESPECT FUN DIGNITY SUPPORT



BVS SCHOOL RULES:
BE SAFE, BE RESPONSIBLE, BE A LEARNER

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School Vision

*Our students will graduate
as happy, confident individuals
who do their best to communicate
and interact positively with others,
be as independent as possible
and make their own choices,
be actively involved in
and contribute to their community,
continue to learn and experience success.*



School Profile

Barwon Valley School is a state special developmental school catering for approximately 215 students from the Greater Geelong area. A unique educational environment is provided for students with moderate to profound intellectual disabilities including Autism Spectrum Disorder between the ages of five and eighteen years. The school recognises that many students have associated disorders - sensory, physical, social, medical and communication. We have a dedicated multidisciplinary staff to ensure students have the best opportunity for success. Class groups are structured to provide appropriate programs with flexibility to meet the needs of every student.



School Features

- Student Voice
- eSmart
- 1:1 iPads for students 15+
- BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) program
- Duke of Edinburgh Award (Bridge)
- South Pacific Education Course (SPEC)
- Aquatic Physiotherapy
- Allied Health support personal including Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech Pathology, Wellbeing Officers, Nurses and Psychologist.
- Student Leaders
- Community links e.g. Geelong Football Club Leadership Program, Belmont High
- Internal and External work experience
- Learn to swim program
- Whole School Positive Behaviour Support



School Programs

The school is organised into 2 sections:

- Junior Learning Community including a Prep Program and a program at Oberon South PS
- Senior Learning Community including a program at Oberon High School, the 15+ program and the Barwon Valley Achievement Certificate.



Individual Education Programs

Each student has an Individual Learning Plan that is developed, implemented and reviewed with students, parents, staff and other relevant Professionals through the Student Support Group (SSG).

Our education program focuses on specific goals for each student documented within the framework of the Barwon Valley School/AusVELS Curriculum.

