Belvedere College S.J.

Belvedere College Access Programme

Situated in the heart of Dublin City, Belvedere College S.J. is an all-boys Voluntary Catholic Secondary School under the Trusteeship of the Society of Jesus. Today it continues a tradition since 1832 in the Jesuit approach to Education.

The **Belvedere College Access Programme** (BCAP)

The Belvedere College Access Programme is a key part of the Colleges ethos. It is in line with the global identifiers that make Jesuit schools unique and give a clear Jesuit identity. One of the global identifiers, is that Jesuit schools are accessible to all. The Belvedere College Access Programme is pivotal in opening our school to families who through financial barriers may not otherwise be able to attend. Over the years the College has enriched and been enriched by those students who have engaged in the programme.

Bursary Eligibility

Bursaries are allocated by the Board of Management to applicants that clearly fulfil the criteria as outlined in the BCAP Application Form.

Applications should meet the financial eligibility in addition to priority being given to students who attend one of the feeder schools below.

1. Family has a low income: to qualify the total family income should not exceed the following limits

	Income
Less than 4 dependent children	€48,811
Between 4 and 7 dependent children	€53,637
8 or more dependent children	€58,230

Definition of a Dependent Child- Under 16 or Over 16 in full time education or medically certified as permanently unfit for work.

2. Feeder school List.

Primary School	Address	
Presentation Primary School	Georges Hill	Dublin 7
Gaelscoil Cholaiste Mhuire	Parnell Square	Dublin 1
Gardiner Street Convent	76 Upper Gardiner St.	Dublin 1
Rutland N.S.	Gloucester Place	Dublin 1
Central Model Mxd N.S.	Marlboro St.	Dublin 1
O'Connell Primary	Nth Richmond St.	Dublin 1
St. Laurence O'Toole's C.B.S.	Seville Palce	Dublin 1
St. Josephs C.B.S. Primary	Marino Park Ave.	Dublin 3
St. Josephs Co-Ed	East Wall	Dublin 3
St. Christopher's Primary	Haddington Rd.	Dublin 4
St. Gabriels N.S.	Cowper St.	Dublin 7
Paradise Place ETNS	St. Marys Place	Dublin 7
St. Paul's Primary School	Nth Brunswick St.	Dublin 7
St. Audeons N.S.	Cook St.	Dublin 8
Francis St. C.B.S.	John Dillon St.	Dublin 8
Scoil Treasa Naofa	Petrie Rd.	Dublin 8
South City CNS (St Endas)	Whitefriar St.	Dublin 8
Our Lady of Victories	Ballymun Rd.	Dublin 9
St. Josephs N.S.	Macroom Rd.	Dublin 17
Darndale N.S. (Our Lady Immaculate)	Darndale	Dublin 17
St. Francis S.N.S.	Priorswood	Dublin 17
WarrenmountN.S.	Blackpitts	Dublin 8
St. Pats NS	Drumchondra	Dublin9
St Vincents	Glasnevin	Dublin 11
St Peters	Phibsboro	Dublin 7

What is expected of students and parent(s)/guardian(s) attending the school on BCAP bursaries?

· Any student accepted into the College under the BCAP is accepted as a full participant in the total life of the school.

· As such the parent(s)/guardian(s) are accorded the same rights as fee paying parent(s)/guardian(s) and are encouraged to be full participants in their son's education.

· All students at the College are expected to work hard and to become involved in the many co-curricular activities on offer.

· The normal monitoring processes pertain to BCAP students as do to fee-paying students.

How do I apply?

Families can apply by filling out the BCAP application form. This is an online application and can be accessed on the Colleges website. Please make sure you have the following documentation ready before making an application;

- Photo of applicant

- 3rd and 4th class summer reports
- "Statement of Earnings" for the two previous years, if employed (available from MyAccount on revenue.ie)
- "Welfare Statement" for the two previous years if unemployed (available from MyWelfare.ie)

When do I need to apply?

Applications need to be made when the boy is in 5th Class of primary school. The deadline for applications is currently April **31st of 5th Class**.

How many places are there?

A maximum of 16 places are currently offered to incoming 1st years.

What happens when I fill in the application form?

When we receive your application, we will send you an automatic receipt by email to let you know that we have it. If you don't get this receipt within 10 days, let us know as applications can't be considered if they come in after the deadline.

It is important that supporting documentation regarding the family income is provided with the application. Applications can **only** be processed if the financial documentation accompanies the application. The relevant documents must be uploaded while filling in teh application online.

Once all the applications are in, families will be contacted using the email address provided on the application form, to arrange a meeting between the boy, his parents/guardians, of eligible families, the programme co-ordinator and, usually, another teacher from Belvedere.

How is it decided who gets a bursary?

Bursaries are awarded on the basis of, a completed application form, the outcome of an interview, a consultation of school reports and an assessment of the family's means (i.e. financial situation). Prospective students and parents/guardians must demonstrate a commitment to fully engage in school life.

Consideration is also given to the inclusion of applicants who have a range of academic abilities, hobbies and interests. The suitability of the applicant to the school and of the school to the applicant is key.

When will we find out if we have a bursary?

Applicants will be notified by post before the end of November when they are in 6th class.

What costs are covered by the bursary?

The bursary covers the cost of the annual tuition fee – approx. €7250. There are other costs of attending Belvedere that aren't usually covered by the bursary. These include the costs of uniform, books, sports gear, and other items needed for secondary school. There is also an annual incidental cost to cover the pastoral programme, school journal, insurance, etc. that isn't covered by the bursary. These costs can be seen below. Nonetheless, financial concerns should not be a barrier in applying for a bursary. Any applicants that have concerns about these costs should contact the BCAP Co-ordinator, Stuart Colohan, to discuss further.

Financial cost to Parents/Guardians:
Please note that the bursary covers the fees of the College. The cost of the iPad, Games travel (buses to Cabra Sports Ground), Faith and Justice to be covered by the Access Programme in first year. There are other related costs that must be paid to the College each year. The figures below are based on 2025

YEAR	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
COST	€123	€643	€523	€878 (includes TY fee)	€575	€533

Note:
(a) **1st Year:** Uniform cost + PE kit + rugby kit is approximately €360
Books are approximately €450 in first year

(b) **Tours/trips:** These are part of the wider educational experience and have associated costs. Not all students avail of them.

Where can I get more information?

The Home School Liaison teacher in your son's primary school is a good first point of contact if you are thinking of applying. More information about the school can be found at www.belvederecollege.ie. If you have any further questions, you can contact the programme co-ordinator, Stuart Colohan by phone at 01-8586630 or by e-mail at scolohan@belvederecollege.ie.

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