



## **Belvedere College S.J. Social Diversity 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. It continues today a tradition since 1832 in the Jesuit approach to Education.

### **How do I apply?**

Families can apply by filling out the SDP application form and sending it in to Belvedere College S.J., 6 Great Denmark St., Dublin 1

### **When do I need to apply?**

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

### **Can anyone apply?**

Applicants should fulfil the criteria outlined in the SDP Application Form. In particular, they should attend one of the feeder schools on the list and family income should be less than the limits on the form.

### **How many places are there?**

16 places are currently offered to incoming 1<sup>st</sup> years.

### **What happens when I send the application form in?**

When we receive your application, we will send you a receipt in the post 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.

Once all the applications are in, families will be contacted to arrange an interview between the boy, his parents/guardians, the programme co-ordinator and, usually, another teacher from Belvedere. The meetings normally take place in the applicant's home.

### **How is it decided who gets a bursary?**

The bursary is not an ability-based scholarship. Places are given to applicants who fulfil the criteria outlined in the SDP application form and indicate 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.

### **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 6<sup>th</sup> class.

### **What costs are covered by the bursary?**

The bursary covers the cost of the annual tuition fee – approx. €6000. There are other costs of attending Belvedere that aren't usually covered by the bursary. These include the costs of uniform, books, I-pad, sports gear and other items needed for secondary school. There is also an annual incidental cost of approx. €350-400 that isn't covered by the bursary. Nonetheless, financial concerns should not be a barrier in applying for a bursary. Any applicants that have concerns about these costs should contact the SDP Co-ordinator, Simon O'Donnell, to discuss further.

### **Do I need to do anything else once I send the Application form in?**

The main thing is to submit the SDP application form before **March 31<sup>st</sup>** of the year that your son is in **5<sup>th</sup> class**. The SDP co-ordinator will then contact you with details of what happens next and will ask you for more information about your application if needed. As the SDP application form only covers the allocation of bursaries, applicants will also need to complete another form for school admission in October of the year preceding entry.

### **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](http://www.belvederecollege.ie). If you have any further questions, you can contact the programme co-ordinator, Simon O'Donnell, by phone at 01-8586620 or by e-mail at [sodonnell@belvederecollege.ie](mailto:sodonnell@belvederecollege.ie).

#### **COLLEGE DETAILS**

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