

Ensuring a Jewish future for your children



ACADEMY BJE
NSW Board of Jewish Education



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Academy BJE is proud to offer your child the opportunity to have a Jewish education at his/her school.

Established in 1909, Academy BJE's aim is to encourage a Jewish identity and future through Jewish learning, Jewish living and Jewish experiences.

Academy BJE is a not-for-profit organisation and is the only source of Jewish education in state schools across NSW. Academy BJE's SRE program is solely supported by the Jewish community and reaches students in over 80 state schools across NSW. This equates to approximately 2000 Jewish students within NSW, making it the largest Jewish community 'school' in NSW.

Together with your support and enrolment in our classes, we can ensure that your child will have a Jewish education and future within the Jewish community.



Scripture: Special Religious Education (SRE)

All Jewish students across NSW attending a state school are offered the option of attending SRE classes every week, timetabled during school hours. Academy BJE is the authorised organisation within NSW by the Department of School Education and Training to conduct these SRE classes for Jewish students.

Academy BJE ensures that a structured curriculum is offered, which provides students with a knowledge and understanding of Judaism. Students are encouraged to feel positive about being Jewish and to identify with the Jewish community. The curriculum includes topics such as Jewish holidays, values, synagogue basics and Israel. Older students also explore ethical aspects of Judaism and Jewish history.

Within these classes, basic Jewish prayers are incorporated into each lesson. Where possible, lessons are also enriched with activities such as demonstration Sedarim for Pesach (Passover), hands-on experiences, craft activities, guest presenters and visits from Jewish youth groups.

Academy BJE communicates regularly with all parents via its newsletter, curriculum outline and the www.bje.org.au website.



JETS, JCLUB and BAS program

Supplementary Jewish education, otherwise known as JETS, JCLUB or BAS takes place in various primary schools in Sydney.

The JETS (Jewish Education to School) curriculum is specifically designed for years K-2 and includes the Jewish calendar with its festivals and celebrations, Jewish beliefs and values as well as the laws and customs followed within Judaism. Lessons are enriched with activities like craftwork, songs, drama, music, events, storytelling, synagogue and community interaction.

The JCLUB (Jewish culture, learning, understanding, belief) curriculum has been written for students in years 3 and 4 and concentrates on the weekly Torah readings within a fun and stimulating program focussing on games, song and activities. Lessons are also enriched with visits from communal organisations.

Our senior students (years 5 and 6) progress to the 'bar/bat mitzah at school' (BAS) program. For two years, the students participate in projects involving Sydney Jewish communal life, Torah, Israel, laws and customs culminating in their bar or bat mitzvah.

All curricula compliment, and is in addition to, the SRE classes whereby the students can learn more about their religion and become more involved with the Jewish community.

** There is a fee for the JETS, JCLUB and BAS program which is payable in advance per term.*

Hebrew

The key to any culture is language, especially so with Hebrew because Hebrew is the national language of Israel, the traditional language of the Jewish people as well as the ancient language in Jewish ritual and prayer.

Academy BJE offers Hebrew as a modern communicative language in some state schools. The curriculum commences with learning basic Hebrew and develops to include more complex language structures and vocabulary.

The Academy BJE Year K curriculum is the very successful Chalav u'Dvash Hebrew language instruction program designed for early childhood and Year K settings in the Diaspora (outside Israel). The curriculum also encompasses the Aleph to Tav booklet designed by Academy BJE specifically for letter recognition.

Academy BJE was first in the world to write their own Year 1 curriculum, Achshav Korim, which is based on progressing the student's oral language from the Chalav u'Dvash program. Students are also taught to read and write Hebrew

Year 2 students undertake the Otiyot Korot curriculum, progressing to the Otiyot Kotvot curriculum in Year 3. During Year 3, and continuing until Year 6, students undertake either the Yeladim Lomdim Ivrit or the HaKol Chadash curriculum.

** There is a fee for the Hebrew program which is payable in advance per term*

*** Please note that Bellevue Hill PS and Vacluse PS offer Hebrew as an insertion subject and it is funded by the Department of Education and Training. Academy BJE supports the teacher and the curriculum, but the teacher is an employee of the Department and not of Academy BJE.*



Parent Committee

How can you get involved to ensure that your children receive a quality Jewish Education?

At Academy BJE, we want our parents to be active with our organisation. Parent committees have been formed in various schools to ensure the continuous communication between Academy BJE and our parents. This is an opportunity for parents to be involved and assist in the organisation of activities and events for the Jewish children within their schools.

Why don't you help us make a difference and ensure a Jewish education for your child?

Contact our Parent Liaison Officer now on 02 9365 7900 and let us know how you can help.

Any commitment you can offer will benefit the future of our Jewish community!



Enrol Now

There are three ways you can enrol in any or all of the above programs:

Telephone:

Call the Academy BJE office on: 02 9365 7900

Email:

administration@bje.nsw.edu.au

Website:

Our enrolment forms are online at www.bje.org.au/forms/studentenrolmentform.pdf

Kindly forward the completed forms to the
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