BRIGHTON BEACH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Uniform Policy

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Brighton Beach Primary School (BBPS) requirements for student dress and appearance and to provide information about uniform purchase and support, dress code implementation and exemption processes.

This dress code has been developed by BBPS in close consultation with our school community to ensure that it respects the rights of individual students whilst reflecting the values and interests of our community.

The Student Dress Code aims to:

- foster a sense of community and belonging and encourages students to develop pride in their appearance
- support BBPS' commitment to ensuring that our students feel equal and are dressed safely and appropriately for school activities
- reduce student competition on the basis of clothing
- enhance the profile and identity of the school and its students within the wider community.

The school has developed a dress code that provides a range of choices for students and is cost-effective for families.

SCOPE

Students are expected to comply with this Student Dress Code while travelling to and from school, during school hours and when attending school activities.

POLICY

UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE

BBPS School Uniform

Summer uniform

- Red or white school beach box logo long or short sleeve polo shirt
- Green shorts
- Green skort
- Summer check tunic dress
- Optional green bike shorts underneath dress
- Black school shoes or legitimate sports shoes
- Socks
- Green/Red broad brim, bucket-style or flap school hat

Winter Uniform

- Red or white school beach box logo long or short sleeve polo shirt
- Green tracksuit pants
- Green shorts
- Black school shoes or legitimate sports shoes
- Socks
- Green bomber style jacket with school beach box logo

- Green pullover jumper with school beach box logo
- Green fleece jumper or vest
- Green Spray jacket/raincoat

Other

- Interschool sport (years 5 and 6 only) will be required to wear the designated school sports uniform and safety gear (whilst playing) for each sport
- Sport House shirts
- Year 6 windcheaters are designed and available for purchase
- School bags are in green and feature BBPS school beach box logo.

General appearance

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, BBPS students must comply with the following:

- Uniforms must be clean and in good condition
- Uniforms must be clearly marked with the owner's name

Jewellery and cosmetics

Students are not permitted to wear decorative jewellery to school. Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, and watches, are the only acceptable jewellery.

Cosmetics may not be worn at school. Only clear nail polish is permitted.

Hair and Sun safety

Students with shoulder length or longer hair are encouraged to tie back their hair to help restrict the spread of nits and lice and for student safety. Hair must be neat and tidy and not obscure the face.

School uniform hats must be worn outside from September 1 to April 30, as per our Sun Smart Policy and on any other day prescribed by the school. School uniform hats may also be worn outside of this time period, by parent or student choice.

PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS

Uniform items can be purchased, or ordered directly, from PSW Mills Street, Cheltenham.

BBPS School Parents' Association also operates a second-hand uniform store for parents located in the hall gallery. When purchasing from the Second Hand Uniform Stall payment should be made directly to the office.

Support for families experiencing difficulty

Please contact the Principal or BBPS Administration Office to discuss the support that we may be able to provide to families experiencing difficulty meeting uniform costs, including information about eligibility for uniform support through State Schools' Relief. Further information about State Schools' Relief is also available on their website: https://www.ssr.net.au/

Uniforms are available to families to borrow on request.

IMPLEMENTATION

BBPS will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website. We will assist students who may be experiencing difficulties complying with this policy where possible.

Students wearing non-compliant uniform items may be asked to change into a compliant item of clothing provided by the school.

If a student is out of school uniform or otherwise breaches the Student Dress Code on a recurring basis, parent/carers will be informed by the classroom teacher. If non-compliance with the dress code becomes a continued occurrence, the BBPS Wellbeing Support Plan will be used to inform about follow through procedures. In this event, the school will continue to work with the student and family to support compliance.

EXEMPTIONS TO STUDENT DRESS CODE

We recognise that there may be situations where the application of this dress code may affect students unequally.

Students and their parent/carers may apply either in writing or in person to the Principal for an exemption to this Student Dress Code if:

- an aspect of this code prevents the student from complying with a requirement of their religious, ethnic or cultural beliefs or background
- the student has a particular disability or health condition that requires a departure from the dress code
- the student or their parent/carers can demonstrate particular economic hardship that prevents them from complying with the dress code.

When the Principal receives a request for an exemption, they will:

- consider the grounds for the exemption request
- explain the process to the student and/or their parent/carers
- encourage the student and/or their parent/carers to support their application with evidence.

The Principal or delegate will then negotiate a resolution that is acceptable to all parties. If an exemption is not allowed, then written reasons will be provided to the student and/or their parents or carers.

CONCERNS ABOUT THE STUDENT DRESS CODE

BBPS welcomes feedback from the school community in relation to this Student Dress Code. If you have a concern or complaint about the Student Dress Code, further information about raising a concern or complaint is available in our school's Parent Complaint Policy, available on the BBPS website .

RELATED POLICIES AND DOCUMENTATION

School related policies and documents (found on the School Website) include:

- BBPS Sun Smart Policy
- BBPS Parent Complaint Policy
- BBPS Student Engagement and Inclusion Policy
- BBPS Student Wellbeing Support Plan
- Department of Education and Training Student Dress Code
- Department of Education and Training Student Engagement policies and guidelines.

REVIEW CYCLE AND EVALUATION

To ensure ongoing relevance and continuous improvement, this policy will be reviewed every 4 years.

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Responsible for Review	Principal
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