



Student Dress Code Policy



Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact brighton.beach.ps@education.vic.gov.au

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.

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 jumpers 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, students must comply with the following:

- Uniforms must be clean and in good repair
- Uniforms should be clearly marked with the owner's name
- Additional layers of clothing may be worn underneath the uniform for added warmth, provided these undergarments are completely hidden
- Studs, sleepers and watches are the only acceptable jewellery
- Make up may not be worn at school. Only clear nail polish is permitted.

Health and safety

Shoulder length or longer hair is to be tied back to help restrict the spread of lice and for student safety.

Jewellery, nails, hair accessories and similar items that interfere with students' ability to engage with school activities safely and fully are not permitted.

School uniform hats must be worn outside from mid-August (exact date to be set by the school annually) to 30 April 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.

Hats are not to be worn inside.

Students are permitted to wear sunglasses during outdoor activities. Sunglasses should be close-fitting, wrap-around that meet the Australian Standards 1067 and cover as much of the eye area as possible.

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.

The School Council has considered affordability in the development of this dress code. However, if you are facing difficulty meeting uniform costs the [Help with school costs and fees](#) page provides advice on support offered by the Victorian Government. If your child is starting prep or year 7 and is eligible to receive support via the [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund](#), you may be eligible to access the Affordable School Uniform (ASU) program.

Please contact the principal or Business Manager to discuss support that we may be able to provide.

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 acknowledge that there might be instances where the enforcement of this dress code could impact students differently.

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](#).

COMMUNICATION

This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways:

- Available publicly on our school's website
- Reminders in our school newsletter
- Discussed in student forums
- Included in transition and enrolment packs
- Discussed at parent information nights/sessions
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- BBPS Sunsmart Policy
- BBPS Parent Complaint Policy
- BBPS Student Engagement and Wellbeing Policy
- Department of Education and Training [Student Dress Code](#)
- Department of Education and Training [Student Engagement policies and guidelines](#).

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

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