



Student Dress Code

Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy, please contact Bunyip Primary School.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Bunyip Primary School's requirements for student dress and appearance and to provide information about uniform purchase and support, dress code implementation and exemption processes.

The Student Dress Code aims to:

- support Bunyip Primary School's 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
- To further develop a sense of pride in, and identification with our school
- To provide durable clothing that is cost effective and practical for our school environment
- To maintain and enhance the positive image of the school in the community

SCOPE

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

IMPLEMENTATION

- After consultation with the School Community and the Student Representative Council, School Council has developed a Dress Code that we believe provides choice for the students, allows for students to safely engage in the many varied school activities, and caters for the financial constraints of families
- Summer and Winter uniforms will be prescribed, and are required to be worn (see next page)
- Stud earrings and sleepers (similar to the ones ears are pierced with) only are to be worn in the ears. No dangling earrings or large studs. Watches are also acceptable jewellery
- Cosmetics may not be worn at school
- The only headwear that is acceptable is school uniform ink navy blue sunsmart hat consistent with our Sunsmart policy. They must be worn outside from the beginning of September to the end of April
- School beanies can be worn term 2 & 3; hats are not to be worn inside
- Parents and Friends Association will operate a second-hand uniform store for parents
- The student dress code, including details of uniform items and places of purchase, will be published in the newsletter at the start of each year and when necessary to remind students what dress code is expected
- School Council requires the Principal be responsible for implementation of the Dress Code in a manner consistent with the Student Code of Conduct
- Parents seeking exemptions to the Dress Code due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability, health condition or economic hardship must apply in writing to the School Principal for consideration
- Students are required to bring a signed note from parents/guardians stating the reason why they are not wearing correct school uniform

If a student is out of school uniform or otherwise breaches the Student Dress Code on a recurring basis, a note will be provided to the student and parents by the classroom teacher. If non-compliance with the dress code becomes a continued occurrence, the Principal will be informed and a phone call home may be required. 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 parents or 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 parents/carers can demonstrate particular financial 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 parents/carers
- encourage the student and/or their parents/carers to support their application with evidence.

The Principal or delegate will then try to 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 THIS STUDENT DRESS CODE

Bunyip Primary School 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 our school website.

UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE

Bunyip Primary School's compulsory school uniform items are as follows:

Winter/Autumn

- Ink Blue Beanie (no other colour acceptable) or BPS Beanie
- Ink Blue Scarf ONLY (no other colour acceptable)
- Bomber Jacket (Prep to Grade 5 - blue body, red sleeves, red logo)
- Bomber Jacket (Grade 6's - red body, blue sleeves, blue logo on front & Bunyip 6's on back)
- BPS Grade 6 Hoodie – available from 2025
- Ink Navy Blue Vest ('Bunyip' embroidered)
- Red polo shirt, blue striped collar, blue logo
- Blue Polo Shirt, blue striped collar, red logo & Bunyip 6's on back (Grade 6 only)
- Navy Blue pants
- Navy blue tights/leggings under summer dresses in Winter
- Navy blue, red or white skivvies can be worn under polo shirts during Winter

Summer/Spring

- Bucket hat - Ink navy blue only (Bunyip embroidered)
- Ink Blue Unisex shorts with side pockets (Bunyip embroidered)
- Navy Blue basketball shorts
- Summer dresses – Ink blue and white check.
- Ink blue skorts

Netball sports skirts are not acceptable

Other requirements

- Jewellery – sleepers or studs only (Earrings as per ears pierced with). Watches are also acceptable jewellery
- Any wide Headbands should be ink navy blue
- White, navy blue or black socks (long or short)
- **Enclosed shoes, runners or boots. Shoes must be able to be fastened either with Laces, Buckles or Velcro, to fit the student's foot securely**
 - No slip on canvas shoes, open-toed scuffs, thongs or shoes with high heels should be worn by the students
- Sunglasses are optional (not supplied by school)

Please note that all items of clothing that are bought at other clothing outlets (other than the school) for school uniform purposes **must not have any logos or writing** on them except if they are the school's logo and name

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

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 from APlus school wear website.

Bunyip Primary School Parents and Friends Club also operates a second-hand uniform store for parents.

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 to discuss support that we may be able to provide.

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 staff handbook/manual
- Discussed at staff briefings/meetings as required
- Included in transition and enrolment packs
- Discussed at parent information nights/sessions
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Bunyip Primary School Sunsmart Policy
- Bunyip Primary School Parent Complaint Policy
- Bunyip Primary School Student Wellbeing and Engagement 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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