



# STUDENT DRESS CODE



## Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact our office staff at Bourchier Street Primary School (Ph: 58 213 488) who will arrange for a translator to communicate with you.

## PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Bourchier Street Primary School's 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 Bourchier Street Primary School's School Council 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 Bourchier Street 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
- 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 traveling to and from school, during school hours and when attending school activities.

## UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE

The full list of Bourchier Street Primary School's compulsory school uniform items are available at Appendix A to this policy.

### General appearance

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, Bourchier Street Primary School students must comply with the following:

- Uniforms must be clean and in good repair
- Uniforms must 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.

Students who wear braids or locs may wear them loose, except for applied technology classes where hair should be tied back for safety purposes.

School uniform hats must be worn outside from 15<sup>th</sup> August to the 30<sup>th</sup> 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	Shepparton School Uniforms, 62 High Street, Shepparton 3630 The School Uniform Shop, 183 Corio Street, Shepparton 3630 Noone Imagewear, Shop 2B/210-216 Corio Street, Shepparton 3630 Quality Teams, 27 Benalla Road, Shepparton 3630
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The school will endeavour to provide secondhand items at the cheapest possible cost.

The School also sells a second-hand uniform Monday – Wednesday 9am

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.

## IMPLEMENTATION

Bourchier Street Primary School 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, 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.

Measures taken by Bourchier Street Primary School to address concerns about student non-compliance with the Student Dress Code will also be addressed in accordance with our Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy.

## 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 carers

## CONCERNS ABOUT THIS STUDENT DRESS CODE

Bourchier Street 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 the website or in hard copy from the general office.

## COMMUNICATION

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

- Available publicly on our school's website
- Included in staff induction processes
- Discussed at staff meetings as required
- Included as annual reference in school newsletter
- Made available in hard copy from school administration upon request

## FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Bourchier Street Primary School Sun Protection Policy
- Bourchier Street Primary School Parent Complaint Policy
- Bourchier Street 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

Policy last reviewed	30 <sup>th</sup> October 2024
Consultation	School Council
Approved by	School Council
Next scheduled review date	February 2027

## APPENDIX A: BOURCHIER STREET PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM ITEMS

### UNIFORM

#### SUMMER

<b>Dress</b>	BSPS Blue Check Summer Dress
<b>Skirt</b>	Navy (Navy leggings or tights can be worn with the skirt)
<b>Skort</b>	Navy (skirt/shorts)
<b>Shorts</b>	Navy - Longer style leg
<b>Tops</b>	Bourchier Street Polo T-Shirt
<b>Socks</b>	Navy, white or black Socks
<b>Shoes</b>	Black shoes or black joggers preferred, or black sandals ( <b><u>NO FASHION SHOES</u></b> )
<b>Hats</b>	Minimum 6 cm broad brim - Navy school coloured

#### WINTER

<b>Tops</b>	Bourchier Street Polo T-Shirt, Long-Sleeved Navy Polo or Navy skivvy Royal blue windcheater
<b>Jackets</b>	Bourchier Street Bomber Jacket &/or Spray Jacket or thicker Winter Jacket
<b>Pants</b>	Navy Tracksuit or Track 'n Field style
<b>Skirt</b>	Navy (Navy leggings or tights can be worn with the skirt)
<b>Socks</b>	Navy, white or black socks
<b>Shoes</b>	Black shoes or black joggers preferred ( <b><u>NO FASHION SHOES</u></b> )
<b>Beanies</b>	Navy with logo & school name (available from school only)

#### OTHER

Veils/Scarves Turbans are to be Navy or Royal Blue