



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.

School councils must develop and review their student dress code in accordance with the Department's Student Dress Code policy guidance on the Department's Policy and Advisory Library, available at the following link:

<https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/student-dress-code/policy>

This will include ensuring your student dress code meets human rights and anti-discrimination requirements, includes exemption processes and addresses health and safety considerations. School councils will also need to ensure they have properly consulted with the school community in developing/reviewing this student dress code. Guidance on consultation processes is available on the Policy and Advisory Library here:

<https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/student-dress-code/guidance/developing-and-reviewing-dress-codes>

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.

The School Council has developed a dress code that we believe 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 traveling to and from school, during school hours and when attending school activities.

UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE

The full list of Bouchier 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, Bouchier 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
- Shirts should be tucked in at all times
- Ties need to be worn neatly covering a fastened top button
- Additional layers of clothing may be worn underneath the uniform for added warmth, provided these undergarments are completely hidden.

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. Please see "Jewellery" at Appendix A for full details.

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

Hair and Sun safety

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

School uniform hats must be worn outside from 15th August to the 30th 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 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

Support for families experiencing difficulty

Please contact the Principal to discuss 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/>

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

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 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 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 Sunsmart 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	22 nd February 2023
Consultation	School Council
Approved by	School Council
Next scheduled review date	February 2024

APPENDIX A: BOURCHIER STREET PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM ITEMS

UNIFORM

SUMMER

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

WINTER

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

OTHER

Veils/Scarves Turbans are to be Navy or Royal Blue

****PLEASE NOTE: THINGS MUST NOT BE WORN TO SCHOOL****

JEWELLERY

Some forms of jewellery pose potential health, safety and school image problems. These types of jewellery are not to be worn at school, or have limitations placed upon the wearing of them.

The following restrictions exist whilst at school or whilst involved in school related activities:

- Only small ear studs or sleeper earrings may be worn.
- Earrings that 'dangle' or hang from the ear, or "spacer earrings", may not be worn at any time.
- Sleepers, studs or piercing on any other part of the visible body must not be worn at any time, or must be covered e.g. a Band-Aid.
- Necklaces are only to be worn under special circumstances i.e. religious necklaces and medical alert necklaces.
- The wearing of rings or bracelets is not encouraged but is permitted. If however a particular ring or bracelet presents an obvious health or safety risk it will be required to be removed or covered.
- Watches may be worn, but may be required to be removed for sport or physical education lessons, or whilst the child is involved in arts classes or at other times.