



STUDENT DRESS CODE POLICY



Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy, please contact the School via phone on 03 9216 3400 or email: beveridge.ps@education.vic.gov.au

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Beveridge 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 Beveridge 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.

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 Beveridge 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, Beveridge 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
- Uniforms must be appropriately fitted
- Worn without non-uniform garments being visible
- Worn without sports and brand logos

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. Facial Piercings are not permitted. Cosmetics may not be worn at school. Only clear nail polish is permitted. Real/false nails to be short in length.

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. This applies to all students.

School uniform hats must be worn outside during terms one and four, 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 the uniform supplier PSW in Campbellfield.

<https://www.psw.com.au/>

Beveridge Primary School also operates a second-hand uniform store for parents/carers at the Ambrosia Way campus.

Support for families experiencing difficulty

Please contact the Principal, Wellbeing Leader or a member of the administration team 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

Beveridge Primary School expects that all rules of the Dress Code policy are observed by the students. The School will ensure that this Dress Code policy 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.

In an emergency, parents may write a note of explanation asking that an exemption be granted for that day

If a student is at school out of uniform, one of the following practices will be appropriate:

- A verbal reminder to students to wear school uniform
 - Compass notification to parent/carers to inform of out of uniform items
 - Communication to parent/carer via phone or email to inform of out of uniform items
 - Students wearing non-compliant uniform (ie. hoodies, outer jackets) may be asked to remove items
 - The student may be provided with clean emergency clothing (if available) for that day and follow up with the student's parent/guardian
- Where there is a longer term difficulty, the School will consult with parents/guardian to find a solution

- Exclusion from events whereby students are representing the school for example: excursions, interschool sports, leadership days.

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 Beveridge 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 parents or carers.

CONCERNS ABOUT THIS STUDENT DRESS CODE

Beveridge 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 via the school website: www.beveridgeps.vic.edu.au

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

- BPS SunSmart Policy
- BPS Parent Complaint Policy
- BPS 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	December 2023
Consultation	Student Representatives School parent/guardian community Staff Members School Council
Approved by	School Council
Next scheduled review date	December 2027

APPENDIX A: BEVERIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM ITEMS

All year round - The following items may be worn all year round:

Jumper and Vest

Navy blue rugby windcheater with school logo
Navy blue polar fleece with school logo

Polo shirts

Navy blue short sleeved with school logo
Navy blue long sleeved with school logo
Navy blue mesh sports polo with school logo

Jackets and Coats

Navy blue bomber striped jacket with school logo
Navy blue microfibre jacket with school logo
Navy blue outer jacket or raincoat without decoration or brand name
Navy blue soft shell jacket with school logo

Pants

Plain, navy blue track pants without decoration or brand name
Classic navy blue dress pants without decoration or brand name

Skorts

Plain navy skorts without decoration or brand name and in winter can be worn with navy blue tights/stockings

Dresses and Skirts

Summer blue and white checked dress
Navy blue box pleat skirt or tunic without decoration or brand name and in winter can be worn with navy blue tights/stockings

Shorts

Plain navy blue shorts without decoration or brand name

Socks or tights/stockings

Plain navy blue, black or white socks
Plain navy blue tights/stockings

Headwear

Navy blue and/or white headbands, hair ribbons, “scrunchies” or headwear worn as part of cultural/religious beliefs (turbans, head scarfs etc). Elastic Bands used to tie up hair may be worn in any colour

Hats and Beanies

Navy broadbrim hat without decoration, with or without school logo
Navy beanie without decoration, with or without school logo

Footwear

Appropriate footwear is to be worn. No thongs or open-toed sandals are permitted. Plain black school shoes and/or runners.

Bags

School bag with school logo (optional)
Reader book bag