



STUDENT UNIFORM POLICY

PURPOSE

Benalla P-12 College has a compulsory school uniform and dress code for students from Foundation to Year 12. The purpose of the uniform is to promote students' sense of pride in their school and to enhance the profile and identity of our students and school within the community. Wearing school uniform promotes equality, cost effectiveness, health and safety and preparation for the workplace. The purpose of this policy is to clearly state the expected uniform and support consistent implementation by students, parents and staff.

POLICY

- The Principal, Staff, Parents and Students are responsible for implementation of the Uniform Policy.
- The school uniform and dress code applies during school hours, while traveling to and from school, and while students are on school excursions (unless otherwise specified).
- The Student Uniform Policy will be provided to new parents in the Enrolment Pack and explained to students at the commencement of each school year.
- Students who arrive at school not wearing uniform need to have a note from a parent or guardian providing a reasonable explanation.
- Spare, clean uniform items will be temporarily provided to all students not in uniform.
- The Principal and Staff will implement systems to ensure that students are wearing uniform and Consequences for repeated breaches of the Student Uniform Policy.
- If a student continues to attend school out of uniform, the Principal will make contact with parents to resolve the matter.

Student Uniform (those produced only by the school uniform provider)

School Uniform Items:

- Polo top, short or long sleeved.
- Navy shorts
- Navy pants
- Windcheater
- Soft Shell Jacket
- Summer Dress

Other Uniform Items:

- Plain black shoes, with enclosed toes. Shoes should have black laces or fasteners.
- Plain white or navy socks.
- Navy tights (worn under school dress)
- Navy bucket hat.
- Navy scarf.
- Navy beanie.

Prep - 4 Uniform

- Plain Navy tracksuit pants may be worn by P-4 students.

PE/Sports Uniform Year 7 - Year 12 (Optional Yrs 5 & 6)

- School Sports Polo Shirt.
- Navy Shorts.
- Navy Track Pants.
- Sport shoes (no black soles)
- School hat for outdoor sports activities.

Dress Code

- School uniform should be clean, in good repair and worn in the manner designed.
- Shoes must be plain black without white or coloured trim or logos. Sports shoes are acceptable.
- Tracksuit pants may only be worn by P-4 students or during PE/Sports sessions.
- Hoodies and puffer jackets are not permitted.
- Tights or leggings are not to be worn as a stand-alone item of clothing.
- Navy broad brimmed hats must be worn from the beginning of Term 4 until the end of Term 1. Caps are not permitted.
- Headscarves and bandanas (except for religious purposes) are not permitted.
- Makeup should be minimal.
- Jewellery, including facial piercings, are not part of the college dress code and are to be kept to a minimum.
- In practical classes (e.g. PE, cooking, technology) teachers may request students to remove jewellery.
- Athletic skins are not to be worn as part of the school uniform.

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.
- Discussed at parent information night/sessions.
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request.

Basis for discretion

The basis for discretion lies with the Principal as an operational matter.

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Policy last reviewed	May, 2023
Consultation	School Staff
Approved by	School Council – May 2023
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