



Beechworth Primary School

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Student Dress Code

INTRODUCTION

The Beechworth Primary School Council ensures the Student Dress Code is in accordance with the Department of Education's (DET) Student Dress Code policy guidance.

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

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Beechworth 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 Beechworth 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 Beechworth 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 Beechworth Primary School's school uniform items is available at: Appendix 1

Student equality and safety are the guiding principles of the BPS Student Dress Code. To ensure equality among students and that students are dressed appropriately and safely for school activities, the following guidelines have been developed.

- School uniform is compulsory while traveling to and from school, during school hours and when attending school activities.
- School uniforms should be clean and in good repair

- School uniform choices must be appropriate for the weather and the activities to be undertaken.
- School uniform hats with a full brim must be worn during Term 1 and Term 4.
- Students are permitted to wear sunglasses outdoors. Sunglasses should be close fitting and meet the Australian Standards 1067.
- Hats and coats are not to be worn inside.
- Large jewellery is unsafe and should not be worn.
- Necklaces should be tucked into school shirts.
- Shoulder length hair or longer must be tied back.
- Footwear (runners are acceptable) should provide adequate support and protection.
- Specialised footwear should only be worn during organised special events.

PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS

Uniform items can be purchased from Wangaratta Uniform Zone, 52 Norton Street, Wangaratta.
Phone: (03) 5721 7773

Beechworth Primary School also has second hand uniforms at minimal cost available to families through the school office.

Support for families experiencing difficulty

Please contact the School Office or Business Manager 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

Beechworth Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website and in the enrolment packs. Uniform reminders will be added to Newsletters. 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 and a '*Beechworth Primary School- Out of Uniform Note*' will be sent home.

If a student is out of school uniform or otherwise breaches the Student Dress Code on a recurring basis, an email will be sent to the student's 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 Beechworth 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, and the Inclusion and Diversity Policy.

EXEMPTIONS TO STUDENT DRESS CODE

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

Parents or carers may apply in writing 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 additional need or health condition that requires a departure from the dress code
- 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

Beechworth 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 School Website or in hard copy from the school office.

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 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

- Beechworth Primary School Sunsmart Policy
- Beechworth Primary School Parent Complaint Policy
- Beechworth 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	8 December 2021
Consultation	17 November & 8 December – BPS School Council
Approved by	BPS School Council
Next scheduled review date	November 2023

BEECHWORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL NO.1560

SCHOOL UNIFORM



Summer uniform

- Bottle-green polo shirt with yellow trim and school logo
- Black or grey school shorts or skort
- Green and white dress is available from Wangaratta Uniform Zone
- Broad-brimmed bottle-green hat
- White, black or grey socks
- Closed in school shoes or runners (black recommended)

Winter uniform

- Bottle-green polo shirt with yellow trim and school logo
- Black or grey school pants
- Bottle-green polar fleece zip-up school jacket with school logo
- Bottle-green polar fleece zip-up vest with school logo
- Bottle-green polar fleece beanie
- White, black or grey socks
- Closed in school shoes or runners (black recommended)

All uniform items are available at:

Wangaratta Uniform Zone
52 Norton Street,
Wangaratta VIC 3677
(03) 5721 7773

Beechworth Primary School hats are available from the School Office.