



## Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy, please contact the school on (03)9772 3471.

## Purpose

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Bonbeach 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 Bonbeach 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 Bonbeach 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 Bonbeach 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, Bonbeach 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.

## **School Colours**

Bonbeach Primary School, school colours are: navy blue, sky blue, black and white.

## **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.

Stud earrings and sleepers must be removed or taped for sport and physics activities.

Cosmetics or body art 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 1<sup>st</sup> September to 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.

Extreme hair colours (eg: green, pink or purple) and/or extreme hairstyles are not permitted (exceptions are made for special activity days).

## **Purchase of Uniforms**

Uniform items can be purchased from State Schools Relief online using the Qkr App. Instructions on how to purchase uniforms online can be found on the school website.

Bonbeach Primary School Parents and Friends Association also operates a second-hand uniform shop for parents. The second hand uniform shop operates twice a time on Friday mornings. Please see the Compass calendar for dates.

## **Support for families experiencing difficulty**

Please contact the school office 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**

Bonbeach Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website and newsletter periodically. 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.

### **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**

Bonbeach 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 *Complaint Policy*, available on our website.

### **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**

- Bonbeach Primary School Sunsmart Policy
- Bonbeach Primary School Complaint Policy
- Bonbeach 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	August 2022
Consultation	Student Representative Council – April 2022 School newsletter inviting feedback – April 2022 Education Sub Committee – July 2022 School Council – August 2022
Approved by	School Council and Principal
Next scheduled review date	School Council to decide annually whether or not amendments or a full review of the dress code is required. August 2025

## APPENDIX A: BONBEACH PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM ITEMS

### All year round

The following items may be worn all year round:

### Jumper, jacket, or Vest

Navy windcheater with either the school logo or no logo.

Navy polar fleece vest or jacket with either the school logo or no logo.

Plain navy blue cardigan with no logos

Not Permitted: Hooded jumpers

### Polo shirts/T-Shirts

Sky Blue long or short sleeve polo shirt or T-shirt, with either the school logo or no logo.

### Skorts

Plain navy skort with no logos - can be worn with navy blue tights/stockings.

### Socks or tights/stockings

Navy blue, white or black socks

Navy blue tights/stockings can be worn under a school dress.

### Footwear

Black, closed toed footwear.



Lace-up or Velcro  
Runners



Buckle-up Leather  
School Shoes



Lace-up Leather  
School Shoes

## **School Rain Coat**

Navy Blue coat with either the school logo or no logo.

## **Headwear**

Navy blue, sky blue, black or white head bands, hair ribbons, “scrunchies” or headwear worn as part of cultural/religious beliefs. Elastic Bands used to tie up hair may be worn in any colour.

## **Dresses**

Summer blue and white checked dress (bike shorts can be worn under the dress as long as they are not visible and in school colours)

Navy blue tunic

## **Shorts**

Plain navy blue shorts with no logos

## **Pants**

Plain, navy blue track pants with no logos

Plain, navy blue Gaberdine pants with no logos

Plain, navy blue cargo pants with no logos

## **Skivvies**

Plain sky blue skivvy

## **Hats – to be worn from mid-August to 30 April**

Navy broadbrim Sun Smart hat with either the school logo or without decoration or brand name.

Navy blue beanie with school logo.

## **Sports uniform**

Bonbeach Primary School sports polo – only to be worn by students in grade 5/6 on interschool sport days.

Navy netball skirts can be worn for sport and PE.

## **Special items**

Grade 6 and Prep students are permitted to wear their Bonbeach Primary School Grade 6/Prep polo shirts/t-shirts and jumpers.

Students who have Bonbeach Primary School Jackets/polos as part of a school team they are representing, may wear these items for the duration of the time they are a part of this team (eg. Energy Breakthrough, Aerobics).