



BUNBURY  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

# Uniform Policy

## **Rationale/Purpose**

The *School Education Regulations 2000* empowers school communities to develop a dress code for the children attending their school. The regulations allow schools to establish what is safe and appropriate to wear at school and on excursions and determine what is inappropriate. The relevant Regulation states:

33. *The following matters may be provided for in a government school's dress code:*

- a) *standards of what is acceptable in relation to the clothing worn by students at the school, including headwear or footwear.*
- b) *standards of what is acceptable in relation to other aspects of the personal presentation of students.*

Issues relating to the implementation of a school dress code are covered under Regulations 33 – 36 of the *School Education Regulations 2000*.

The School Board determines the standards for acceptable clothing for students at the school. This includes headwear, footwear, and other aspects of students' personal presentation. Having a policy that acknowledges school community support allows the school to clearly state its expectations of the children in this context.

## **Benefits of Dress Requirements for Students:**

Dress requirements for students:

- define the identity of the school with its community.
- develop students' sense of belonging to the school community.
- provide an opportunity to build school spirit.
- promotes a sense of inclusiveness, non-discrimination, and equal opportunity.
- reinforces the perception of the school as an ordered and safe place.
- enhance the health and safety of students when involved in school activities.
- Increase the personal safety of students and staff by making it easier to identify visitors and potential intruders to the school.
- keep the cost of school outfits within reasonable limits for parents/carers.
- students learn the importance of appropriate presentation and grooming.
- students learn to engage with the community.

The Department of Education's **Dress Requirements for Students** states:

"Denim items must be excluded from all school dress codes and uniforms."

## **School Uniform Details**

**The Bunbury Primary School Uniform Summer and/or Winter Uniform:**

- BPS Red (polo style) short sleeve polo with school logo
- BPS Black and Red school polo shirt (Year 6 only)
- BPS Black skorts skirt
- BPS Black sports shorts
- BPS Black Jacket
- BPS Red Polar Fleece Jumper
- Black Hat Broad brimmed or bucket

### **Non-Uniform shop bought items:**

- No logo of any kind and plain black for: hats, jumpers, pants, leggings, shorts, skorts, long-sleeved undergarment and tights.
- All shorts & skorts must be similar length to Bunbury Primary School shorts or skorts available through Bunbury Primary School uniform shop.

### **Please Note:**

- **Plain black, white, and red skivvy** can be worn for extra warmth under Bunbury Primary School polo shirts.
- Plain black tights can be worn for extra warmth under another school garment.

**In School Faction Sports:** Polo shirt (single coloured) in faction colours: yellow, blue, green or red.

### **Interschool Sports Representation**

- The school provides school shirts for, e.g., Cross country, Soccer, Hockey, Football, and Netball.
- The school uniform is also used for any interschool sporting event or carnival.
- If students are representing the school at an event, they must wear the BPS school uniform.

### **Headwear:**

- Headwear needs to be plain and purposeful (not decorative) and reflect school colours (this includes headbands, ribbons, hijabs)
- Sun-safe hats are defined as broad, black-brimmed hats or bucket type (see sun-safe section)
- Long hair (past shoulder length) to be tied back. This applies to both boys and girls.

### **Guidelines**

- Students are encouraged to wear the school uniform to school each day.
- Students must wear the school uniform when on excursions or representing the school in public forums.

### **Footwear:**

- Students need to wear appropriate footwear for the activities they are involved in for safety reasons.
- Standard school shoes/joggers. (Skate shoes, bright-coloured shoes or fashion shoes are not in the school uniform.)
- White or black ankle-length socks must be worn with shoes and joggers.
- Sandals with an ankle strap are acceptable for K-PP only.
- During swimming lessons only crocs, thongs or slides are acceptable.

### **Sun safe:**

- Students **must** wear sun-safe hats during outdoor activities, play, recreation, and breaks. Sun-safe hats are defined as broad, black-brimmed hats or bucket-type hats. Students who fail to wear suitable sun-safe hats will be excluded from engaging in outdoor activities until they are equipped with the headwear. The principal and teachers can grant exemptions for certain activities in which wearing a hat is impractical, such as athletic events.

### **Jewellery:**

For reasons of safety:

- Sleepers and stud earrings are acceptable
- Any items likely to catch or snag are not to be worn. This includes fashion wrist jewellery such as bands and/or bracelets.
- Necklaces should not be worn (unless for medical, cultural, or religious reasons and should be worn under a shirt so they are not visible).
- Any external body piercing needs to be covered.

### **Makeup:**

Make-up is not to be worn at school except where foundation is required for cosmetic reasons, and this has been discussed with the Principal.

### **Exemptions and Non-Compliance**

#### **Exemptions**

A parent/carer may apply to the principal (on behalf of their child) for an exemption from aspects of the dress code on any of the following grounds:

- A matter relating to the child's health.
- A matter relating to the religious beliefs of the child or their family.
- A matter relating to the cultural background of the child or their family; and,
- Any other matter which, in the principal's opinion, is sufficient to exempt the child from complying with the requirements.

Exemptions may be granted on a permanent, defined-period, or conditional basis and can be revoked by the principal at any time.

**Non-Compliance with Dress Code Requirements:**

Where a student is not following the school dress code (unless they have an exemption):

- A school Uniform Note will be sent home (*see Appendix 1*)
- The matter will be discussed with their parent/carer.
- The student and their family will be encouraged and counselled to meet the dress code requirements (in a positive and caring way, resolving any concerns).
- Students will be unable to publicly represent the school or attend an excursion (unless it is part of the essential educational programme of the school); and

See DOE Dress Requirements for Students in WA Public Schools for further information.

**Support and Assistance**

- The school community offers assistance and support to students and their families where difficulties with compliance arise. Parents/carers must discuss any assistance or support needed with the school principal and/or associate principal.

School uniform Shop provides low-cost items through:

- bulk purchasing arrangements and P&C Facebook Page.

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