

Bridgewood Primary School

Student Dress Code Policy



Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact Kerry Coffey 87669400

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Bridgewood 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 Bridgewood'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:

- Ensure there is a culture of high expectations and standards in the way students present themselves within the school and in the border community
- Foster a sense of community and belonging and encourages students to develop pride in their appearance
- Support Bridgewood'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 APPEARANCE

NOTES

Department policy requires schools and School Councils develop, as far as practicable, dress code requirements that are similar for both sexes. Where options are available, they should be available to all students. In particular, all schools must allow girls the option of pants and shorts in their dress code.

Schools and School Councils should also consider whether or not cultural or religious headwear can be included as part of the ordinary school uniform, to avoid the need for students having to apply for an exemption in order to wear these items. For an example of the inclusion of headwear in the list of uniform items.

GENERAL APPEARANCE

While at school, traveling to or from school or participating in school activities, Bridgewood students must comply with the following:

- Uniforms must be clean and in good repair and worn properly
- 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 or in school colours

UNIFORM ITEMS:

Pullover - long sleeve jumper

Blouse - white - short and long sleeve

White polo top

Winter pinafore

Summer dress

Shorts

Rugby shorts

Skorts

Trouser full elastic long pants

Double knee pants

Girls leisure pants

Polo long or short sleeve

Sport Fleece jacket

Socks - plain **white and navy**

School bag

Beanie

Soft shell jacket

Thick jacket

Hybrid hat (wide brim)

Gloves

Scarf



Tights or tight leggings under dresses (not trousers)

FORMAL UNIFORM DAYS

- On formal uniform days students are to wear the school dress, pinafore, pants and the white school shirts with all black footwear
- White shirts can have Peter Pan collar or the pointed collar for boys or girls (with or without logo)
- Pants including navy tracksuits pants can be worn by all students on these days
- Soft shell jackets, woollen pullovers or sports fleece jackets can be worn over the formal uniform

SPORTS DAYS

- Each year there will be a House Colours Day. Parents will be notified via Compass as the day changes each year. On these days, students can wear their sports uniform or house color tops with any coloured runners
- Sports or PE days - sports uniform is to be worn as above

JEWELLERY AND COSMETICS

- Students are not permitted to wear decorative jewellery to school
- Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears
- Nose piercings - a clear stud only is to be worn
- Other than clear nail polish, cosmetics may not be worn at school.
- Watches can be worn at school (not cellular watches)

SCHOOL CLOTHING COLOURS

- Students must wear clothes in school colours. Parents are encouraged to have their children in uniform with the school logo on jackets, jumpers and shirts for excursions or camps.
- Plain shirts or jackets in school colours without a logo can be worn when learning onsite.
- Hair ties, scarves, and culturally significant dress requirements must be in school colours to comply with the school dress code policy.
- School uniforms should be well maintained and worn appropriately.

SHOES, SOCKS, TIGHTS AND SHOE LACES

- When wearing the formal school uniform shoes must be **ALL black** such as the sample below. Students can wear all black runners with their formal uniform.
- On sports days and House Colour Days when sports tops are worn, students can wear their runners which do not need to be all black
- Tights or tight leggings can be worn but must be navy or white. No pants to be worn under dresses.
- **Socks must be plain white or navy**



HATS

- Hats must be a broad brimmed hat in school maroon colour consistent with our Sunsmart Policy. Hats must be worn outside from September 1 until April 30th, in accordance with the Bridgewood Sunsmart Policy.
- Hats are not to be worn inside school buildings



SUNGLASSES

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.

BAGS

- School bags must have the Bridgewood logo or be in school colours.

HAIR

- Extreme hair colours (eg: green, pink or purple rinses) and/or extreme hairstyles (as determined by the Principal Team) are not permitted; colours may be used on sporting events to represent the house colours and for fundraising.
- Long hair must be tied up to prevent the spread of head lice

FINANCIAL HARDSHIP

- Arrangements can be made to supply uniforms via State Schools Relief for families experiencing economic hardship.

EXEMPTIONS TO THE DRESS CODE

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



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.

INFRINGEMENT NOTICES

Students who are out of uniform or otherwise breaches the Student Dress Code on a recurring basis will be issued with a uniform infringement notification through the Compass app. Parents will be contacted if students continue to attend school without the correct uniform.

<https://www.ssr.net.au/>

Students wearing non-compliant uniform items may be asked to change into a compliant item of clothing provided by the school.

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.

PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS

Uniform items can be purchased from:

Noone Imagewear

Officer Store

Shop 6 / 45 Siding Ave Officer Vic

IMPLEMENTATION

- Bridgewood will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website and each year during the Information Sessions
- We will assist students who may be experiencing difficulties complying with this policy where possible.
- After consultation with the School Council, a dress code policy has been developed that provides an element of choice, is affordable to families and is safe and appropriate for students to wear when engaging in the varied school activities.
- The School Council requires the principal to be responsible for implementation of the policy in a manner consistent with the Student Engagement and Wellbeing Policy.
- The policy applies during school hours and while traveling to and from school, and when students are on school excursions. Students with incorrect uniforms will be excluded from off site excursions.
- Exemptions to the uniform policy will be made where necessary eg. school camps, swimming activities. Notification of the change of expectations will be clearly communicated on excursion or camp permission forms.



- The student dress code policy, including details of uniform items and place of purchase, will be available at the school reception.

CONCERNS ABOUT THIS STUDENT DRESS CODE

Bridgewood 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*.

[Bridgewood Complaints and Grievances Policy](#)

COMMUNICATION

This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways:

- Available publicly on our school's website
- Reminders via Compass
- 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

- Bridgewood School Sunsmart Policy
- Bridgewood School Parent Complaint Policy
- Bridgewood 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

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