



# STUDENT DRESS CODE POLICY



## Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy, please contact the office for support.

## PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Bimbadeen Heights 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 Bimbadeen Heights 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 Bimbadeen Heights Primary School's commitment to ensuring that our students feel equal and are dressed safely and appropriately for school activities, including off-site activities such as excursions.
- reduce student competition on the basis of clothing and promote a focus on learning.
- 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 Bimbadeen Heights Primary School's compulsory school uniform items is available at Appendix A to this policy.

### General appearance

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, Bimbadeen Heights 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 hidden.
- Either white, black, or navy short socks are acceptable.
- Sports Shoes / Runners / Sneakers can be worn as part of the daily uniform.

### 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. Smart watches are to be signed in at the office each day as part of the Personal Mobile Devices policy.

Cosmetics 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.

Hair accessories, including head bands, scrunchies and hair ties should be in the school colours of navy and yellow. Colours matching a students' hair colour are also permitted.

Extreme hair colours (eg: green, pink, or purple rinses or dyes) and/or extreme hairstyles (eg: spikes or mohawks) are not permitted.

School uniform hats must be worn outside during Terms 1 and 4. School uniform hats may also be worn outside of this period, by parent or student choice. Students not wearing a school hat in Terms 1 and 4 will be required to play undercover outside their classroom or under the hall awning.

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.

### **PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS**

Uniform items can be purchased directly from Spartan School World on their website <https://www.spartanschoolworld.com.au/collections/bimbadeen-heights-primary-school>.

Bimbadeen Heights Primary School also operates a second-hand uniform store for parents at regular intervals throughout the year.

### **Support for families experiencing difficulty**

Please contact the Assistant Principal 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**

Bimbadeen Heights Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website and Sentral. We will assist students who may be experiencing difficulties complying with this policy where possible.

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.

Measures taken by Bimbadeen Heights 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.

### **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 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

Bimbadeen Heights 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*.

## COMMUNICATION

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

- Available publicly on our school's website (or insert other online parent/carer/student communication method).
- Reminders in our school newsletter.
- Discussed at staff briefings/meetings as required.
- Discussed at parent information nights/sessions.
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request.

## FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Bimbadeen Heights Primary School SunSmart Policy.
- Bimbadeen Heights Primary School Parent Complaint Policy.
- Bimbadeen Heights 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	November 2023
Consultation	Student Leaders and School Council
Approved by	School Council
Next scheduled review date	November 2025

APPENDIX A: BIMBADEEN HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM ITEMS



Short Sleeve Polo Shirt - Gold  
RRP From \$25.65



Short Sleeve Polo Shirt - Navy  
RRP From \$25.65



Long Sleeve Polo Shirt - Gold  
RRP From \$26.65



Long Sleeve Polo Shirt - Navy  
RRP From \$26.65



Bomber Jacket  
RRP From \$45.10



Windcheater  
RRP From \$30.75



Polar Fleece Jacket  
RRP From \$45.05



Summer Dress  
RRP: \$46.15



Girl's Leisure Pants  
RRP From \$31.50



Track Pants - Ankle Zip  
RRP From \$33.60



Winter Tunic  
RRP: \$44.10



Rugby Knit Shorts  
RRP From \$19.95



Cargo Shorts  
RRP: \$31.00



Poly Yoke Skort  
RRP From \$26.25



Cotton Lycra Skort  
RRP From \$26.25



Sports Top (Grades 5 & 6)  
RRP From \$43.05



Winter Rain Jacket  
RRP From \$44.10



Knitted Beanie  
RRP: \$25.65



Legionnaire Cap  
RRP: \$11.30



Reversible Bucket Hat -  
Foundation Students



Slouch Hat  
RRP: \$12.30



Library Bag  
RRP: \$12.30



Excursion Bag  
RRP: \$12.30



School Bag  
RRP: \$46.15



Art Smock  
RRP: \$18.90