

Student Dress Code



Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact Bellbrae Primary School on (03) 5261 2660.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Bellbrae 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 Bellbrae 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 Bellbrae 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.

Bellbrae Primary School's compulsory school uniform items are as follows:

RED and **GREEN** are the predominate colours.

Tops

Full Zip Hooded Jacket (red or green)
Hooded Windcheater (red or green)
Polar Fleece Jumper (red or green)
Polar Fleece Jacket (red or green)
Polo Shirt Short Sleeves (red or green)
Polo Shirt Long Sleeves (red or green)
T-Shirt (red or green)

Bottoms

Track Pants (red or green)
Track Pants - knee pads (red or green)
Gabardine pants (red or green)
Gabardine shorts (red or green)
Rugby Knit Shorts (red or green)

Gingham School Dress (red or green)
Skorts (red or green)
Tartan Kilt (red and green)
Hosiery: must be red, green or black only
Tights
Leggings

Socks: black or white

Footwear: Black school shoes or 'runners'

Hat: School broad brimmed hat (green)

Hair Accessories: Hair accessories if used must be in red, green or black

School Bag

Extra warmth in colder months:

* Plain white, red, green or black long sleeve T shirts/skivvies may be worn underneath the school uniform for extra warmth in colder months.

* Plain red or green scarves or beanies may also be worn

Sporting Events

* Students are encouraged to wear red polo tops and green shorts when competing in interschool sporting events.

General appearance

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, Bellbrae 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

Jewellery and cosmetics

Students are permitted to wear jewellery appropriate to school activities. Stud earrings and sleepers are preferred to be worn in the ears.

Cosmetics may not be worn at school. Only clear nail polish is permitted.

Sun safety

School uniform hats must be worn outside during Terms 1 and 4 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.

PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS

Uniform items can be ordered from the office at school, or parents may order it directly from Coastal Uniforms Ph: 0408 588 847 Email: coastaluniform@optusnet.com.au. Order forms are available on the school website.

Bellbrae Primary School also operates a second-hand uniform store for parents. For further information of how to purchase second hand uniform please contact the school office either in person or on (03) 5261 2660.

Support for families experiencing difficulty

Please contact the 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

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

Measures taken by Bellbrae 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 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

Bellbrae 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*.

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 at staff briefings/meetings as required
- Discussed at parent information nights/sessions
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Bellbrae Primary School Sunsmart Policy
- Bellbrae Primary School Parent Complaint Policy
- Bellbrae 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](#).

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