



<p>Purpose</p>	<p>A Student Dress Code reinforces in students a sense of pride in their own appearance, their school and creates a genuine school spirit of belonging. Issues of equality, health, safety and expense are also factors that contribute to the establishment of the Student Dress Code. School uniform is also useful in identifying our students in the community and encourages respectful behaviour.</p>
<p>Aims</p>	<p>The Student Dress Code aims to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • foster a sense of community and belonging and encourages students to develop pride in their appearance. • support Berwick Fields Primary School's commitment to ensuring that our students feel equal and are dressed safely and appropriately for school activities. • enhance the school's and its students' profile and identity within the wider community.
<p>Reasons for the Uniform Code</p>	<p>School Council has developed a Student Dress Code, in consultation with the school community, that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ provides a choice for the students ▪ allows students to safely engage in many varied school activities ▪ allows students to feel that they fit in with their peers ▪ prevents pressure to wear the “right” brands ▪ assists with routines at home ▪ is cost effective and practical ▪ allows easy identification of unauthorised visitors
<p>Uniform and Appearance</p>	<p>The full list of Berwick Primary School's compulsory school uniform items are available at Appendix A to this policy.</p> <p><u>General appearance</u> While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, students must comply with the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uniforms must be clean and in good repair • Uniforms should 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 • Studs, sleepers, watches, and religious jewellery are the only acceptable jewellery • Make up and nail polish are not required <p><u>Health and safety</u> Shoulder length or longer hair is to be tied back to help restrict the spread of lice and for student safety.</p>

	<p>Jewellery, nails, hair accessories and similar items that interfere with students' ability to engage with school activities safely and fully are not permitted.</p> <p>School uniform hats must be worn outside from 1st September) to 1st May 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.</p> <p>Hats are not to be worn inside.</p> <p>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.</p>
Purchasing Uniform	<p>The Student Dress Code lists the options for all uniform items. All items are available for purchase from PSW uniform shop or ordered online at www.psw.com.au. Layby is also available.</p> <p>Where families are experiencing difficulty meeting uniform costs, we encourage them to contact them to make contact with the school.</p>
Infringement Notice	<p>School uniform is compulsory and infringements will result in an Infringement Notice being sent home to request an explanation of why the Student Dress Code was not met by the student.</p>
Special Events	<p>Throughout the year we have special events where students are not required to wear school uniform and encouraged to wear clothing appropriate for the event. Some examples of these events include; camp, free dress days, dress up days (e.g. Book Week, team sports, Harmony Day, some excursions).</p> <p>Events which allow students to come to school out of uniform will be communicated to families via Compass.</p> <p>Where students are not required to wear school uniform due to special events, chosen clothing must still meet Sunsmart guidelines.</p>
Exemptions	<p>We recognise that there may be situations where the application of this dress code may affect students unequally.</p> <p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 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. <p>When the Principal receives a request for an exemption, they will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● consider the grounds for the exemption request ● explain the process to the student and/or their parents/carers

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● encourage the student and/or their parents/carers to support their application with evidence. <p>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.</p>
Communication	<p>This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Available publicly on our school’s website (or insert other online parent/carer/student communication method) ● Reminders in our school newsletter ● 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
Related Documents	<p>Compass Supporting Documents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Uniform Infringement Notice <p>External Links</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ SunSmart Website ▪ DET Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Requirements ▪ DET Dress Code Exemptions

Appendix A: Uniform Code

Uniform supplied by PSW (Primary School Wear).

Uniform can be purchased from their store at 407 Princes Highway, Officer or ordered online at www.psw.com.au. Layby is also available.



SHOES	Black school shoes or boots (flat heel only) or runners that provide adequate support for normal school activities, preferably predominantly black, white, navy or royal blue. <i>No wheelies or spikes.</i>
SOCKS	Plain black, white, navy or royal blue socks or tights (patterns of any description are not accepted)
JUMPERS	Round neck windcheater, royal blue with school logo; or Sleeveless polar vest, royal blue with school logo; or Long sleeve polar jacket, royal blue with school logo; or Bomber jacket, royal blue with school logo
TOPS	Short sleeve polo shirt, royal blue or white, with school logo; or Long sleeve polo shirt royal blue or white, with school logo. <i>Plain white or black skivvy, thermal or shirt (no logos or prints) can be worn under shirts, jumpers and winter tunic.</i> Grade Six students will have the opportunity to purchase a black, short sleeved polo top to wear for their Grade 6 year. The design of the top will remain consistent each year and feature the names of all current Grade 6 students. Parents may opt out in writing of including their child's name on this top.
DRESS	Navy and white, as supplied by PSW; or the winter tunic. Full length, black cotton leggings may be worn under the dress. <i>Black bloomers or bike shorts may be worn but not visible below the hemline.</i>
PANTS	<u>Full length black</u> fleecy track pants, trousers or cotton leggings. <i>No logos or stripes. No jeans or lace.</i>
SKORTS and SHORTS	Plain black with no logos or stripes, at least mid-thigh in length. <i>No netball or ballerina skirts and no footy, basketball, jeans or bike shorts.</i>
RAINCOATS and OUTERWEAR	Plain Black, White, Navy or Royal Blue jackets. <i>No logos, stripes or badges. Not to be worn during class time.</i>
HATS and HEADWEAR	Hat: Wearing of Berwick Fields school hat (royal blue slouch hat with school logo) is compulsory for students from 1 st September – 1 st May (as recommended by Sunsmart) for all outdoor activity. Beanies and Scarves: Black, White, Navy or Royal Blue. <i>No logos or decorations.</i> Cultural Headwear: Black, White, Navy or Royal Blue. <i>No logos or decorations.</i>
HAIR and ACCESSORIES	Hair: Must not be an unnatural colour e.g. blue, green, pink etc. All hair decorations to be black, white, navy or royal blue. All shoulder length hair to be tied back. Make Up: Make up and painted nails are not permitted. Jewellery: No more than two studs/small sleepers no more than 8mm in size in each or either earlobe may be worn. Necklaces are not permitted unless they are religious in nature. Wrist wear: A wristwatch or fitness tracker (i.e., Fitbit) may be worn. Any device with mobile or camera capability is not permitted.