



A School With A View

DRESS CODE – STUDENT UNIFORM

RATIONALE

- The wearing of school uniform helps children to develop pride in their own appearance, a sense of belonging and identification with our school. It is important that children are appropriately dressed for safe participation in school activities within 'Sunsmart' principles.

AIMS

- To promote equality amongst all students.
- To further develop a sense of pride in, and identification with our school.
- To provide durable clothing that is cost effective and practical for our school environment.
- To maintain and enhance the positive image of the school in the community.

GUIDELINES

- School Uniform as specified in the Student Dress Code is compulsory. The dress code applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school and when students are engaged in school activities out of school hours.
- The items prescribed as part of school uniform should reflect contemporary dress standards, be practical, attractive and available at a reasonable cost. The uniform shop is Spartans School Supplies, an external provider.
- The uniform will be designed to reflect appropriate health and safety considerations e.g.: Sun smart Policy, seasonal changes, requirements of specific activities e.g. P.E., Art, Interschool sport.
- The Student Dress Code will specify design and type of garment and must be gender inclusive.
- The uniform will be in the school's colours, blue tops and navy blue pants/skirt/shorts. The girls may elect to wear a navy pinafore dress. Whilst it is desirable that all school garments bear the school logo, this is not compulsory.
- Prior to enrolment parents will be informed of the nature of this policy.
- The application of this Student Dress Code may affect some students unequally. In these cases parents may seek exemptions from the dress code.
- The Student Dress Code may include optional items such as school bags.

IMPLEMENTATION

- The Principal will be responsible for the implementation of the Student Dress Code.
The School Council will be responsible for
 - The design of School Uniform
 - Student Dress Code Policy
 - Sales of new and second hand items of school uniform.

- The reference for the basis of the policy is <https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/student-dress-code/policy>
- Organisation requirements to administer this policy will be as follows:
 - i) If on any day it is not possible to wear school uniform, a note explaining this, should be forwarded to the class teacher.
 - ii) All cases of genuine hardship in providing uniform should be directed to the Principal. Arrangements can be made to supply families via State Schools Relief for families experiencing economic hardship.
 - iii) Attendance at school outings, functions, school photos, sporting activities, etc., is dependant on wearing the uniform.
 - iv) The school's Sunsmart Policy provides additional information on the wearing of hats. The compulsory period when all children must wear an approved hat until May and again from September. The hat which must be worn is that prescribed in the Student Dress Code.
 - v) Appropriate clothing must be worn for P.E. and sporting activities.
 - vi) A special year 6 jumper will be available at the beginning of each school year for students to purchase.
 - vii) An art smock is compulsory in art activities.
 - viii) In the interests of health and safety, decorative earrings and jewellery are not acceptable at any time at school. Facial jewellery is unacceptable.
 - ix) Extreme hairstyles or colours are unacceptable. No make up to be worn.
 - x) No colour nail polish, clear colour only
 - xi) The Principal from time to time may declare uniform free days. On 'Out of uniform' days, children are expected to comply with Sunsmart principles, with shoulders covered, closed in footwear without high heels, and the wearing of their school hat.
- Availability of School Uniform
The choice and agreements with suppliers of the school uniform, is a matter of significance and is the responsibility of School Council.
- Second Hand Uniform Items
Second hand uniform items will be available from the school front office, for a minimal cost.
- Whenever the introduction of the Student Dress code affects students unequally, exemptions can be sought.
Grounds for Exemption
 - 1) Religious, ethnic or cultural background.
 - 2) Disability or health related issues

- Procedures for seeking Exemption.
Application for an exemption must be made to the Principal who will, after due consideration of each application, make a determination. Parents experiencing financial difficulties can approach the Principal or Assistant Principal for assistance.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

All students should wear school uniform which is available from Spartans School Supplies Shop, 210-214 Canterbury Road, Bayswater North or online at <https://spartanss.com.au/collections/boronia-heights-primary>

The items available from the Uniform shop are:

Tops:	Hooded Wincheater Polar Fleece Zip jacket Navy/ Sky Blue Polo Shirts Navy Rain Jacket
Pants:	Navy girls leisure pant Navy tracksuit pant Navy shorts (microfiber or gabardine) Navy skorts & culottes Navy Bike Shorts (only to be worn under dresses/skirts) Navy Leggings (only to be worn under dresses/skirts)
Dresses:	Navy Gingham Summer Dress
Sports Tops:	In house colours. (Available to be worn on sports days and days students have PE or year level sport.)
Hats:	Wide Brim Navy Hats
Bags:	Navy School Unopak Bag Navy Library Bag Denim Chair Bag Navy Book Bag
Smocks:	Art smocks in 4 different colours (navy, red, green, purple)
Other items:	Navy Gloves Navy Scarf Sport socks Navy tights

The items listed below can be purchased from other suppliers eg; Kmart, Big W. Some guidelines are listed below:

Shoes:	Supportive Sport Shoes or School Shoes. No open toed shoes or thongs to be worn at any time
Socks:	White or black socks only
Bike Pants:	Not to be worn except under dresses or skirts

Leggings: Not to be worn except under dresses or skirts

Pants: Navy School pants or Tracksuit Pants are acceptable

ENDORSEMENT

This policy was last reviewed by School Council on: August 2020
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