



# **School Uniform Policy**

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This document sets the Department of Education’s requirements for local school uniforms or dress codes.

<https://prod65.education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/pd-2004-0025>

## **BPS School Uniform Policy Implementation Guidelines**

### ***Context: Beechwood Public School uniform;***

- reflects the values of the Beechwood school community and reinforces a sense of school spirit;
- enables students to have a sense of belonging to the school;
- enables every student to participate in all aspects of school life comfortably, including physical activity; and
- is less of a burden for families than to purchase the latest clothing trends.

### ***Factors considered for the Beechwood Public School uniform***

#### **Wellbeing** considerations include:

- the school uniform encourages physical activity;
- uniform items are comfortable for all body shapes and appropriate for a variety of learning and break–time activities; and
- fair and consistent responses for students not following school uniform requirements are implemented (Note: It is DoE policy that a student cannot be suspended or expelled for not wearing school uniform).

#### **Health & Safety** considerations include:

- the school uniform promotes the health and safety of students by identifying items necessary for particular activities to protect students from injury (for example, items for sun protection or safe footwear);
- there is an availability of uniform items for hot and cold weather;
- the school uniform complies with Work Health and Safety and anti-discrimination legislation; and
- families are well informed about the wearing of uniform items necessary for health and safety reasons (e.g. sun safe hats, appropriate protective shoes, etc).



### **Supply & Purchase** considerations include:

- purchasing uniform items occurs through the school administration office during the schools open hours of 8:30am to 3:30pm, school days;
- all uniform items must be considered reasonable in pricing;
- financial support to purchase uniform items is made available if requested; and
- a school second-hand clothing pool is promoted for donations and is available to assist families.

### **General BPS uniform guidelines**

- The school community expects students to wear the designated Beechwood Public School uniform in a neat and presentable manner, with no major alterations or modifications.
- For Health and Safety reasons, no jewellery is to be worn, other than:
  - earrings which are studs or sleepers;
  - a watch; and
  - one plain ring.
- Sun safe school hats (supplied to each new enrolment, funded by the school P&C); bucket hats or wide-brimmed hats must be worn by all students in the playground (no caps or no hats with offensive, alcohol/cigarette or inappropriate logos).
- Recommended footwear includes sports shoes (joggers, any colour), black school shoes with black laces, buckle or velcro, with plain white sport or crew socks (slip on canvas shoes are not considered safe footwear for the playground).
- A student's appearance should not be a distraction to the learning environment.
- Hair bands, hair clips, ribbons and scrunchies, etc are to be in the school colours of bottle green or white.
- Hair is to be worn in a neat and tidy manner.
- The following are deemed to be inappropriate for Beechwood Public School students:
  - dreadlocks
  - mohawks
  - rats-tails
  - Tattoos (permanent or temporary)
  - facial piercings
  - make-up
  - nail polish
  - fake nails

### **Implementation**

- The BPS school uniform is to be neatly presented and in good repair at all times.
- No items of clothing which are not part of the BPS school uniform are to be worn.



- Students who come to school out of uniform will be interviewed by the class teacher, Assistant Principal or Principal, who may organise uniform items out of the second-hand uniform pool to wear for the day.
- The Principal may grant a student an exemption from being in uniform for a short period of time, after a discussion with a parent/carer or after receiving a note explaining the circumstances.
- Students who regularly come to school out of uniform may receive a letter to parents/carers, or the Principal or Assistant Principal will make a phone call to parents/carers, in order to discuss the Department of Education’s uniform policy and the school’s uniform procedures and expectations.
- Students who are out of uniform will not be permitted to represent the school or attend excursions or functions where a uniform is required.
- At the Principal’s discretion, students who are consistently out of school uniform may be excluded from running for School Parliament (Year 6 Leaders), or Year 6 Leaders who are consistently out of uniform may have their leadership position suspended or revoked.
- Students will be asked to remove inappropriate or excessive jewellery whilst at school.
- Students will be asked to remove any make-up, nail polish or fake nails (immediately or at their earliest convenience).
- Students whose footwear is considered to be unsafe or unsuitable, will be kept off the playground (alternative play activities offered) for the day that they are wearing inappropriate footwear.
- On special days designated as ‘out of uniform’ or ‘mufti’ days, a class teacher, Assistant Principal or Principal may deem a student’s clothing or footwear to be inappropriate for the playground, in terms of health and safety or wellbeing. Each case will need to be considered and dealt with on an individual basis. In such as case, the student will be directed to wear a clean, spare uniform/shirt from the second-hand uniform collection.

### **Appendix items**

- Beechwood School Uniform Purchasing Information
- A copy of the ‘Consistently out of uniform’ letter to parents
- Beechwood PS uniform poster



# Beechwood School Uniform Purchasing Information

*Pricing current April, 2024*





Uniforms can be purchased from the school office on **during school hours**. Payment may be made by cash, cheque or eftpos. Online payments are also accepted through School Bytes.

UNIFORM	SIZES	PRICE (GST Inclusive)
School Shirts (Dark Green)	6 to 16	\$26.40
	S, M, L Adult Sizes	\$27.50
School Shirts (Aboriginal Design)	6 to 16	\$30.00
	S, M, L Adult Sizes	\$32.00
Skorts	4 to 16	\$15.00
Shorts (Mesh polyester)	4 to 16	\$13.20
	S, M, L Adult Sizes	\$13.20
Shorts (Micro fibre)	3 to 16	\$13.20
	S, M, L Adult Sizes	\$13.20
Flash Jackets	4 to 16	\$40.00
	Adult 14/S – 24/3XL	\$41.00
Hats	Bucket Hats (S, M, L)	\$12.00



### Appropriate School Uniform

### Inappropriate School Uniform

TOPS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Green school shirts, jumpers or jackets</li></ul> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Coloured undershirts, hoodies</li></ul> 
PANTS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Green school shorts, skirt or tracksuit</li></ul> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Denim shorts, coloured tights/leggings, blue/black shorts/skirts, football shorts</li></ul> 



### HATS

- Beechwood School bucket hat or wide brim hat, green beanie



- Caps, visors or any hat with an inappropriate logo



### SHOES

- Joggers, boots or enclosed leather shoes



- Canvas shoes, crocs, open toe shoes, etc.



### ACCESSORIES/OTHER

- Green hair ties, clips & headbands etc, wristwatch and plain stud/sleeper earrings



- No necklaces, bangles, bracelets, dangling inappropriate earrings, rings, nail polish, fake nails, temporary tattoos





## SAMPLE LETTER TO PARENTS/CARERS

Dear \*\*\*\*\*,

Beechwood P.S. has school uniform policy implementation guidelines that require all students to wear the full school uniform daily. We do understand that at times students are unable to be in full uniform. When this occurs, we require a note from you, so that an exemption can be made. In the understanding and acceptance of this policy, we need your full support.

Recently, \*\* has consistently been at school out of school uniform. He/she has been spoken to and counselled in regard to wearing the appropriate Beechwood Public School uniform, yet he/she continues to fail to do so.

The NSW Department of Education & Training states that: ***'All students in NSW Government Schools are expected to maintain a neat appearance, including adhering to the requirements of the school's uniform or dress code policy.'***

The school may be able to offer assistance for the purchase of a uniform if you find you are unable to fully afford one at this time. All applications are carefully considered and are kept confidential. Otherwise, if there is another issue which impacts on \*\* wearing his/her school uniform to school every day, could you discuss this with your child's teacher or notify the school as soon as possible.

I have included a copy of the BPS School Uniform Policy Implementation document, for your information.

On behalf of the school community thank you for your ongoing support of this policy.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter further, please contact me on 6585 6136.

Yours sincerely,

Sam Small  
Principal