## School Uniform Practices \& Procedures

This document is used in conjunction with current mandatory DoE policy, document number: PD/2004/0025/V02

## 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 must be made available to parents/carers in a location and at a time that is convenient to both parents/carers and the school office staff;
- the location, days, times, online ordering, payment methods, etc for purchasing uniform items will be clearly communicated to families via the SkoolBag App, school Bulletin, enrolment packages and school website;
- 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 (please note: 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 should be in the school colours of bottle green or white.
- Hair is to be worn in a neat and tidy manner.
- Things that may distract from student's learning are discouraged, such as:
- 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 may 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 jeopardise their leadership position.
- Students may be asked to remove inappropriate, excessive or unsafe jewellery whilst at school.
- Students may 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 unsafe footwear.
- Due to health and hygiene reasons, the sharing of hats between students at school is not permitted.
- 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 may be given a clean, spare uniform/shirt from the second-hand uniform collection.


## Appendix items

- Beechwood School Uniform Purchasing Information
- Beechwood PS uniform poster

This document has been developed in consultation with Beechwood Public School students, teachers, office staff, parents/carers via Parents and Citizens representatives, and the school Principal.

## Beechwood School Uniform Purchasing Information

Pricing current May, 2019
Uniforms can be purchased from the school office on Mondays and Thursdays from 8.30am to 9.30 am ONLY (new enrolments will be the exception). Payment may be made by cash, cheque or eftpos. Parent online payments (POP) are also accepted - visit the Beechwood Public School website and select the Make a Payment tab. Select Sales to Students and follow prompts entering the name of uniform item/s and size/s required.

## BOYS AND GIRLS

## Summer

- Polo shirt: - bottle green with school emblem and side panel in white. (Price: \$26.40)
- Shorts: - bottle green, mesh, basketball style, elastic waist and drawstring. (Price: \$13.20)
- or - bottle green, micro fibre, elastic waist, drawstring, side pockets and zipper side pocket. (Price: \$13.20)



## GIRLS - Alternative to Shorts

- Skirt: - bottle green - netball style (NOT available at the school office)
- Skorts: - bottle green - skirt and shorts all in one (NOT available at the school office).


## BOYS AND GIRLS

## Winter

- Tracksuit - bottle green jacket with white printing (Price: \$40) and track pants (Price: \$30.00) (available at school office).


## OTHER



- Hat - It is mandatory to wear a bucket/wide-brimmed hat. Green bucket hat with school emblem (available at school office). (Price: \$8.80). Students may wear appropriate wide brimmed hat of own choice.

APPENDIX 1
Appropriate School Uniform Inappropriate School Uniform
(Green school shirts, jumpers or jackets TOPS


