

Uniform Policy

The Uniform Dress Code reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community, and assists in developing pride in representing their school. Issues of equality, health and safety, and expense are also factors that contribute to the establishment of the Dress Code.

Aims:

- To promote a sense of belonging together.
- To promote equality amongst all students.
- To further develop a sense of pride in, and identification with our school.
- To ensure students' appearance reflects the expectations of the school community.
- 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.
- To ensure safety, security and ease of identification, enhancing group and individual safety.
- To foster an awareness of the need for sun protection.
- To prepare students for the expectations of the workplace.
- That the Dress Code takes into account the requirements of the Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006 and the Equal Opportunities Act 1995

Implementation:

- After consultation with the school community and the Student Representative Council, School Council has developed a Dress Code that we believe provides choice for the students, allows for students to safely engage in the many varied school activities, and caters for the financial constraints of families.
- The wearing of School Uniform is mandatory.
- In July, 2013 the school uniform will change its supplier and colours. The existing uniform will be accepted until December 2015 as per attachment 1.
- The Dress Code applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school, when students are on school excursions and when students are engaged in school activities out of school hours unless approved by the Principal.
- The School Council acknowledges that some families may experience financial difficulties. In such cases arrangements may be made to supply uniforms via State Schools Relief, alternatively the school may be able to supply second hand uniforms.
- The School Council acknowledges that some students may wish to observe particular religious and cultural requirements whilst also complying with the school Dress Code. The school will discuss the request with the student and parents to ascertain the cultural significance and how they might be accommodated within the school Dress Code. Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, plus watches are the only acceptable jewellery.
- Staff will be informed of children who wear Medi alert bracelets and necklaces.
- Extreme hair colours (eg: green, pink or purple rinses) and/or extreme hairstyles (eg: mohawks) are not permitted.
- Other than clear nail polish, cosmetics and temporary tattoos may not be worn at school.
- The only hats acceptable are Sunsmart hats consistent with our Sunsmart policy. They must be worn outside from September to May or when the UV rating is higher than 4. Hats are not to be worn inside. We welcome headwear worn for religious reasons, and hats will be worn with this headwear consistent with our Sunsmart policy.
- Beanies may be worn when outside during terms 2 & 3.

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- The student Dress Code, including details of uniform items and places of purchase, will be published in the newsletter at the start of each year.
- School Council requires that the Principal be responsible for implementation of the Dress Code in a manner consistent with the Student Code of Conduct.
- Parents seeking exemptions to the Dress Code due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability, health conditions or economic hardship must apply in writing to the School Council or the Principal.
- Spare, clean uniforms may be available for borrowing from the office.
- Children will be permitted to wear scarves to and from school. For safety reasons children will be required to remove them once they are at school.
- Non-uniform coats and jackets may be worn.

Uniform Description:

- Compulsory colours are yellow, grey and black.
- All tops must cover shoulders.
- All footwear worn shall be fully enclosed, covering the toes and heels. It will be appropriate for school activities. Children will be encouraged to wear runners for Physical Education and Sporting activities. No thongs, sling back shoes or strappy sandals.
- All items of clothing should be clearly labelled with the owner's name.
- Children with long hair will be encouraged to tie it back.

Uniform options:

- Black windcheater - Two styles are available from the uniform supplier with the school logo, otherwise plain black windcheater (no motifs).
- Black bomber jacket.
- Yellow polo shirt (long or short sleeved).
- Black or yellow skivvy.
- Black tracksuit pants. (No denim)
- Black gabardine pants.
- Black shorts.
- Black/ yellow/ white socks preferred.
- School uniform dress.
- School tartan pinafore.
- Black skirts.
- Black/grey/yellow hair ties/ribbons preferred.
- Black leggings under school uniform only.
- Black tights.
- Black hat (brimmed or legionnaire style).
- During second and third term beanies are acceptable in school colours

Hats:

As per Sunsmart Policy, children must wear a broad brimmed or legionnaire hat when outside from September to May or when the UV rating is higher than 4. Children without hats will remain in the gazebo during break times. During terms 2 & 3 children may wear beanies when outside.

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Bags:

Parents will be encouraged to consider selecting school bags that minimise the risk of back injury to students. School bags with the school logo are available from supplier.

Shoes:

Our children are encouraged to run, climb, play and be active. Parents will be encouraged through newsletters, information nights and the prep packs, to consider selecting good quality shoes that provide support for growing feet. The preferred shoe colours are predominately black, grey and white as they look good with our uniform.

Purchasing:

The Beaconsfield P.S. uniforms can be purchased with school logo at Noone Imagewear Uniform Shop (previously known as Graeme Booth) at Shop 4, 48 – 62 Old Princes Hwy, Beaconsfield. Price lists are available from the office or on the school’s website. Parents may also purchase school clothing items from other suppliers; these do not have to have logos but need to comply with the Dress Code.

Senior Student Dress:

Each year the grade 6 students design a logo for their Grade 6 uniform items. It is not compulsory for children to purchase these uniform items. These uniform items will be worn with pants/dresses/shorts as per normal school uniform.

Enforcement:

If a child is consistently not following the Dress Code, a letter will be sent home seeking support or an explanation from the parents. Parents are expected to write a note of explanation to the Principal/classroom teacher when their child is out of uniform. Children will not be allowed to leave the school grounds in the name of the Beaconsfield Primary School unless in uniform or otherwise agreed.

Shirts, windcheaters and jackets do not need to have the logo printed on them.

Exemption:

Parents are able to seek an exemption in writing in accordance with the DEECD Student Dress Code Guidelines to the Principal. The Principal will respond in writing. Parents may appeal to the School Council if they still have concerns. Excursion exemptions may be granted after consultation with the teacher in charge and the Principal. The School Council or the Principal may grant alternate clothes days.

Communication of the Dress Code:

Information about the Dress Code, including any changes will be widely communicated through Transition and Induction information packs, on the school website and in the newsletter as well as at school assembly.

Reference:

Department of Education and Early Childhood Development – Victoria website

Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006

Equal Opportunities Act 1995

This policy should be read in conjunction with the Student Wellbeing Policy and The Student Engagement Policy.

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