

## **Uniform and Dress Code Policy**

*(Formerly - Student Uniform Policy)*

<b>Policy Implementation</b>	<b>Review Date:</b>	<b>Responsible for Review:</b>
<b>Date:</b>  30/1/2023	30/6/2024	Policy Subcommittee

### **Purpose**

The development of, or amendment to, this dress code is the responsibility of the School Council in close consultation with the school community.

### **Broad Guidelines**

The school uniform allows the students to identify with, and be identified as, a group. This promotes a sense of school community, promotes our school to the wider community and contributes to the safety and security of the students outside the school (e.g., on excursions). There are economic benefits for parents in the long term whilst 'out of school' clothing issues and peer group pressures regarding clothing are negated. In setting the student dress code policy, the Ballan Primary School Council has considered the following criteria:

- Does it respect the cultural norms of the school community?
- Is it reasonable by contemporary standards?
- Is it suitable to the role of being a student and to the tasks and functions performed in that role?
- Does it reflect the values of the school community?
- Have appropriate health and safety considerations been considered?

### **Aims:**

The dress code purpose includes:

- For students to achieve a sense of identity and pride in their appearance and connection to the school community
- For students to gain an awareness of acceptable standards in dress for specific occasions
- To ensure all students are dressed safely and appropriately for school activities
- To ensure students' appearance reflects the expectations of the school community
- To enhance the profile and identity of the school and its students within the wider community
- For parents to consistently support the wearing of school uniform
- For parents and staff to educate and encourage students to be responsible for their own clothing
- For the school to do its best to ensure that the school uniform is readily available
- To ensure the school uniform is designed to be practical and safe for students' classroom and play activities and to suit a range of weather conditions
- To enhance individual student safety and group security

## **Implementation**

- All staff shall be responsible for ensuring that clothing, jewellery, footwear, sunhats; etc meets appropriate standards in regard to student safety and overall student presentation and appearance, in line with this policy
- Parents/carers are responsible for ensuring their child/children are dressed in school uniform every day
- Parents/carers will clearly mark each school uniform item with the owner's name and the school will provide 'Lost Property Baskets' for students and parents to freely access when required (unclaimed property will be redistributed at the end of each term)
- The expectation is that students will wear school uniform daily including the year 6 bomber jacket and when representing the school e.g. excursions, unless clearly specified e.g. a casual dress day
- Protective clothing will be worn during Art sessions e.g. art smock
- An additional coat or jacket may be worn between the beginning of May and end of August, over the top of the school jacket. This coat or jacket must not be a replacement for the school uniform top or bomber jacket
- Hair should be neat and tidy and long hair (shoulder length or longer) is to be tied up in a style appropriate for school. This is applicable for all students
- For safety reasons, no jewellery is to be worn by students, with the exception of: a watch, and small sleeper or stud earrings
- Make up or coloured nail polish is not to be worn
- Visible temporary tattoos or coloured wrist bands are not permitted unless with prior approval from the school
- Sport leggings or compression activewear are not permitted to be worn
- Colouring of student hair is an acceptable practice as long as the colour is of a natural shade
- Coloured hair gel and coloured streaks in hair are not permitted. Hair gel needs to be kept to a minimum with the exception of special days e.g. Crazy Hair Day
- Hair accessories are to be kept to a minimum (royal or navy blue and white)

## **Ballan Primary School Uniform Policy**

The Uniform policy including guidelines are provided in the enrolment pack, handbook and on our website. The Ballan Primary School colours are royal blue, navy blue and white. At Ballan Primary School the wearing of school uniform has been deemed compulsory by School Council. It is expected that all students wear school uniform daily.

We expect to see each student in Ballan uniform because it:

- Is neat and practical and a reasonably economical form of dress
- Gives a feeling of belonging and encourages pride in the school
- Promotes our school in the community
- Discourages peer pressure and fashion trends

Students are expected to wear school uniform and sensible supportive footwear each day. This includes when representing Ballan Primary School on school excursions. The student dress code is enforced to the extent that the children not in school uniform will be excluded from any activity away from the school that requires the wearing of a school uniform. All prospective students and parents will be notified of the dress code requirements via the enrolment pack prior to enrolment at the school. Parents/carers who are unable to purchase a school uniform for their children will be encouraged to speak to the Principal. The Principal can access assistance from the State Schools Relief Fund.

### **Uniform**

- Navy and royal blue polo shirt with school logo
- Navy and royal blue jumper with school logo (Yr Prep - Yr 4)
- Navy and royal blue bomber jacket
- Navy and royal blue Year 6 designed Bomber jacket/windcheater (Yr 6)
- Plain navy-blue tracksuit pants / plain navy-blue shorts
- Pinafore with removable bib
- School Dress
- Navy Blue Skort
- Plain navy Leggings

### **Hats**

- Royal blue with white logo - school hats are to be worn outside between the beginning of September and the end of April in line with the departments SunSmart policy.
- Beanie with school logo - beanies are able to be worn outside between the beginning of May and end of August, in line with the departments SunSmart policy.

### **Accessories**

- Navy blue scarf
- Hair ties - white, navy blue or black
- Royal blue school bag
- Navy winter jacket
- Socks and tights - white, navy blue or black
- Skivvy - white or navy blue
- Shoes - sensible supportive footwear must be worn. The school recommends black leather school shoes, or plain coloured runners.

Thongs, open-toe sandals, scuffs, ugg boots, platform soles and canvas shoes that do not adequately protect the foot are not acceptable footwear.

Please note: every effort is made to return lost property to the rightful owner. Unlabelled clothing is stored in the lost property basket in the junior building and the first aid room near the front office for the senior school for a limited time.

New bomber jackets are available for our senior school children in Year 6.

Thongs, open-toe sandals, ugg boots, platform soles, canvas shoes, tank tops and singlet tops, activewear leggings, footy shorts, baseball caps, or denim clothing items are not permitted.

### **Evaluation**

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's review process or in the event of a change of uniform supplier.

### **POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

Policy last reviewed	18/10/2022
Approved by	Principal 18/10/2022
Next scheduled review date	June 2024



