



## BURRA COMMUNITY SCHOOL- DRESS CODE

A school dress code is the documented standards of what is acceptable in relation to the clothing worn by students at the school. It can be applied to all students of the school or a specific section of the student body, and can include a range of clothing for students, which can be in the form of a school uniform, colour code or mix and match clothing. School councils are not required to determine a dress code, although dress codes are encouraged, as they play an important role in promoting a positive image of the school and creating a sense of identity among students and the community. A modern and fashionable school uniform also removes social status, is cost effective and it improves student safety by enabling staff to identify non-school members within the school grounds. Above all, it is a means of saying, "I am proud to be a member of Burra Community School".

### DRESS CODE AND THE EDUCATION ACT - REGULATION 86

Pursuant to regulation 86 of the *Education Regulations 2012* the school council of a school may—

- (a) in accordance with any administrative instructions issued by the Minister as described above and
- (b) after consulting with parents and students of the school in accordance with any administrative instructions issued by the Minister as described above and having regard to their views

determine a dress code for the school.

The Minister has delegated the power to issue administrative instructions pursuant to regulation 86 in relation to dress codes to the chief executive of the department.

### IMPLEMENTATION/CHANGING DRESS CODE

The implementation, upon determination (initial or review), of a dress code should only occur after a formal notification period of 6 months, and preferably a period closer to 12 months.

Schools will usually expect students to wear the school's dress code during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when engaged in school activities out of school hours.

### COMMUNICATION TO PARENTS

Pursuant to regulation 86(4) the Principal must, on the adoption by the school of a dress code, inform the parents of each student of the school and, on the later enrolment of a student at the school, inform the parents of that student, in writing:

- of the dress code of the school, and
- of the parents' right to request the exemption of the student from that dress code.

### EXEMPTION

Burra Community School will follow DfE Procedures on the granting of exemptions from the dress code through a written request to the Principal. Grounds on which parents may seek exemption include:

- religious (clothing or adornments, unless the item poses an unacceptable risk to safety)
- cultural or ethnic
- new students (time to purchase, wear previous uniform)
- itinerant and mobile students
- financial hardship
- genuine medical or family sickness reasons and
- other additional grounds as the school council/head teacher may determine.

To minimise the possibility of conflict, the principal must ensure sensitive and careful consideration when approving an exemption. Adult students may seek exemption on their own behalf.

## **BURRA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DRESS CODE**

- The whole school community has determined the Dress Code
- The school's Governing Council endorses the wearing of school uniform as compulsory for all students attending Burra Community School
- The Dress Code is standard across all year levels within the school and it applies equally and without discrimination to both male and female students
- The uniform will also be worn to and from school daily and by all students representing the school unless otherwise approved by school management
- There is to be no explicit advertising or brand monograms present on all items of uniform
- The *SunSmart* Hat Policy and *Sports Uniform* Policy is incorporated in the Dress Code

### **Student Responsibilities**

- Wear the appropriate uniform
- Support others to wear the appropriate uniform

### **Parents Responsibilities**

- See that students have the appropriate uniform that is clearly labelled for easy identification
- See that students leave home appropriately dressed for their school day
- Support staff in enforcing the policy

## **OFFICIAL UNIFORM ITEMS OF THE DRESS CODE POLICY**

The official school colours are navy blue, white, and gold. It is the combination of these colours that creates the standard school uniform of the Dress Code. The following items comply with the dress code:

### **School Jumper**

- Navy Blue windcheater/polo top, preferably with gold embroidered school emblem
- Plain navy jumper accepted
- No coloured jumpers or long sleeves to be worn under school polo tops

### **School Shirt / Skivvies**

- White or Navy polo shirt with embroidered school emblem
- Plain navy polo emblem also accepted
- Skivvies - preferably in school colours of Navy Blue, White or Gold only
- Work shirts and old shirts may only be worn during Agriculture lessons if instructed to by the teacher.

### **School Pants/Shorts**

- Jeans can only be worn during agriculture lessons if instructed by the teacher. Agriculture excursions require a signed note to allow students to wear jeans

### **School Dress/Skirt /Skort**

- Chequered Blue Summer dress
- Navy blue skort or navy blue pleated skirt (for 'Formal' loan from Front Office)

### **Sport and Physical Education**

- BCS House Top – preferred for PE lessons and school events
- Navy blue shorts/track pants

**NOTE:** Students in Years 7-12 change into their PE uniform before the lesson and into their school uniform after the lesson.

### **Jackets**

- Blue and Navy warm up jacket with BCS logo

### **Footwear**

- Practical and sensible shoes/boots/sandals and sandshoes. OHSW requires safe footwear for practical subjects (Home Ec, Tech, PE, and Science)
- Footwear to only have flat or slightly raised sole

### **Make Up and Jewellery**

- Acceptable items of jewellery are stud/sleeper earrings and a watch
- Studs may be worn in the nose or in the ear. Sleepers are only to be worn in the ear
- Charity/Cause bands – maximum of 2
- No nose ring (sleeper), eyebrow ring other facial or body piercing to be worn
- Clear spacers are acceptable
- Any 'other' jewellery items which could cause an accident/injury are not to be worn

### **Other Clothing Accessories (Including Scarfs, Beanies, Gloves)**

- May only be worn during colder weather in school colours of Navy Blue, White or Gold only
- Must be removed inside all school buildings at teacher's discretion
- Hats must be worn in accordance with the Sunsmart Hat Policy

- Inappropriate slogans/images on accessories are not acceptable
- SCHOOL SPORTING JUMPERS
- All students from R-12 are permitted to wear BCS house tops as an alternative option on Fridays
- Students who own sporting jumpers from any school event are permitted to wear them as an alternative option on Fridays. These jumpers are not to be worn on school camps as a uniform item, only on school premises.

## **OTHER CONSIDERATIONS**

### **SunSmart Hat Policy (Amended Hat guidelines ratified by Governing Council in May 2019)**

- All students will wear broad brimmed hats, preferably a BCS hat in the yard in Terms 1 and 4
- Peaked caps are not to be worn within school hours
- Hats must be removed inside all buildings

### **Year 12 and Boarding House Jumpers**

- Approved Year 12/Boarding House jumpers are permitted to be worn by these particular students only. The design must be presented to the principal for approval.

### **Protective Clothing**

- At Burra Community School, we provide a safe learning environment and insist on strict adherence to safety rules. Guidelines regarding clothing, hair safety, footwear, and eye protection are explained to students attending Science, Agriculture, Technology Studies, Home Ec. and PE.

### **Hair**

- It is a *recommendation* from Community Health SA, hair that is longer than shoulder length is to be tied back when participating in Science, Technology Studies, Physical Education, Agriculture & Home Economics classes. This is also a safety requirement.
- Students to wear Navy/White/Gold hair ties, ribbons/scrunchies and clips.

### **Junior School Friday**

- All Students in years R-6 are permitted to wear the BCS house tops as an alternative option on Fridays.

### **Casual Days**

- On a number of occasions during the year we hold casual days. On these days students are required to wear suitable clothing and footwear that is appropriate for the school environment. This includes no things or singlet tops. This is to fit in with the Occupational Health & Safety requirements for schools ie SunSafe attire which does not expose students to excessive sunburn.

## **STUDENTS NOT IN UNIFORM**

- Students have a choice of changing into a loan uniform, OR having a school uniform brought in by parent/caregiver
- Students will be asked to remove unacceptable jewellery and excessive makeup
- Students will be subject to usual student behaviour management processes if they choose not to cooperate with these standard requests, i.e after reminders, home notification etc. – student may be given 'extra duties and/or detention' for persistent breaches of the uniform code.
- Students will be excluded from school activities/photo opportunities requiring preferred uniform

**This policy was last ratified by the Governing Council and SRC in 2021**

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