



Burra Community School

DRESS CODE POLICY

Last Reviewed: June 2013

The wearing of the school uniform is both a student and parental responsibility and a community expectation. Our students and your children are judged by many criteria, one of which is appearance. Not only are students judged individually by their dress but also our school is judged as a whole by the appearance of our students.

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 77

Education Regulation 77 on school dress codes provides as follows:

- ◆ The right for Governing Councils to determine school dress policy
- ◆ Enforcement of obligations and exemption conditions

Burra Community School will follow DECD guidelines on the granting of exemptions from the dress code through a written request to the principal.

Grounds on which parents may seek exemption are:

- ◆ Religious
- ◆ Cultural or Ethnic
- ◆ New Student (time to purchase, wear previous uniform)
- ◆ Itinerant Students
- ◆ Financial Hardship
- ◆ Genuine medical or family sickness reasons
- ◆ Other grounds at the discretion of the Governing Council

In all exemption cases, evidence must be presented to support a family's request for dress code exemption. The school will attempt to work with parents in all cases to find a satisfactory solution to ensure that all students comply with the school's Dress Code Policy. The final decision on all exemption matters rests with the school Principal and the Governing Council.

BURRA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DRESS CODE POLICY:

- ◆ The whole school community has determined the Dress Code policy
- ◆ 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
- ◆ The Dress Code policy complies with regulation 77 of the Education Act and all associated Administrative Guidelines and Instructions (Student Matters – section 95 School Dress Code)
- ◆ The Sunsmart Hat Policy and Sports Uniform Policy is incorporated in the Dress Code policy

This means:**Students will:**

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

◆ Parents should:

- See that students have the appropriate uniform
- See that students leave home appropriately dressed
- 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 Policy. The following items comply with the dress code:

School Jumper

- ◆ Navy Blue windcheater/Polo top, preferably with gold embroidered school emblem
- ◆ No explicit advertising or monograms allowed

School Shirt / Skivvies

- ◆ White or Navy polo shirt with embroidered school emblem
- ◆ No explicit advertising or monograms allowed
- ◆ Skivvies - preferably in school colours of Navy Blue, White or Gold only
- ◆ House/Vice House Captains and SRC coloured shirts, ties (for 'Formal' loan from Front Office)

School Pants/Shorts

- ◆ Navy Blue Pants/ shorts (no denim)
- ◆ No explicit advertising or monograms allowed
- ◆ Appropriate length shorts must be worn

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 6-12 change into their PE uniform before the lesson and into their school uniform after the lesson.

Jackets

- ◆ Preferable colour is Navy Blue
- ◆ No explicit advertising or monograms allowed

Preferred Footwear

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

Make Up and Jewellery

- ◆ Obvious makeup / nail polish is not acceptable.
- ◆ Acceptable items of jewellery are stud/sleeper earrings, a watch
- ◆ Charity/Cause bands – maximum of 2.
- ◆ No nose ring (sleeper), eyebrow ring, other facial or body piercing to be worn.
- ◆ Clear spacers will be tolerated
- ◆ 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
- ◆ Preferably in school colours of Navy Blue, White or Gold only
- ◆ Must be removed inside all school buildings at teacher's discretion
- ◆ No explicit advertising or monograms allowed

Casual Days

On a number of occasions during the year we hold casual days. On these days students are required to wear appropriate clothing and footwear (no midriff tops or thongs are to be worn). This is to fit in with the Occupational Health & Safety requirements for schools. I.e: SunSmart attire which does not expose students to excessive sunburn.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

SunSmart Hat Policy

- ♦ All students will wear broad brimmed hats, preferably a BCS hat in the yard in Terms 1 and 4
- ♦ All peaked caps are banned at school
- ♦ Hats must be removed inside all buildings

Year 12 Jumpers

- ♦ Approved year 12 jumpers are permitted to be worn by year 12's 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 & Home Economics classes, however, it is a clear HSW requirement for ALL hair must be tied back.
- ♦ Only "natural" hair colours will be tolerated. Students/Parents will be notified and requested for colour to be modified.
- ♦ It is preferable for students to wear Navy/White/Gold hair ties, ribbons/scrunchies and clips.

Junior School Friday

- ♦ All Students in years R-5 are permitted to wear the BCS house tops as an alternative option on Fridays.

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 behavior 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 June 2013 This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle in 2016	
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Under regulations of DECD 'School Dress Code policy', we advise the following:

Changing dress code

In the interests of parents and retailers, any change in dress code should only be implemented after a formal notification period of 6 months and preferably a period closer to 12 months.

Burra Community School wishes to exercise the 12 month 'phasing in' implementation clause where any items withdrawn from the previous policy were stated; e.g. grey pants.