



BAYLES REGIONAL PRIMARY SCHOOL

STUDENT DRESS CODE POLICY

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Bayles Regional Primary School's requirements for student dress and appearance and to provide information about uniform purchase and support, dress code implementation and exemption processes.

This dress code has been developed by Bayles Regional Primary School's School Council in close consultation with our school community to ensure that it respects the rights of individual students whilst reflecting the values and interests of our community.

The Student Dress Code aims to:

- foster a sense of community and belonging and encourages students to develop pride in their appearance
- support Bayles Regional Primary School's commitment to ensuring that our students feel equal and are dressed safely and appropriately for school activities
- reduce student competition on the basis of clothing
- enhance the profile and identity of the school and its students within the wider community

The School Council has developed a dress code that we believe provides a range of choices for students and is cost effective for families.

SCOPE

Students are expected to comply with this Student Dress Code while traveling to and from school, during school hours and when attending school activities.

UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE

The full list of Bayles Regional Primary School's compulsory school uniform items are available at Appendix A to this policy.

General appearance

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, Bayles Regional Primary School students must comply with the following:

- uniforms must be clean and in good repair
- uniforms must be clearly marked with the owner's name
- additional layers of clothing may be worn underneath the uniform for added warmth, provided these undergarments are completely hidden.

Jewellery and cosmetics

Students are not permitted to wear decorative jewellery to school. Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, and watches, are the only acceptable jewellery.

Cosmetics may not be worn at school. Only clear nail polish is permitted.

Hair and Sun safety

Shoulder length or longer hair is to be tied back to help restrict the spread of nits and lice and for student safety.

School uniform hats must be worn outside from mid-August (exact date to be set by the school annually) to 30 April and on any other day prescribed by the school. School uniform hats may also be worn outside of this time period, by parent or student choice.

Hats are not to be worn inside.

Students are permitted to wear sunglasses during outdoor activities. Sunglasses should be close-fitting, wrap-around that meet the Australian Standards 1067 and cover as much of the eye area as possible.

Extreme hair colours (eg: green, blue, pink or purple rinses) and styles (eg: Mohawks) are not permitted except for School Council sanctioned events.

PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS

Uniform items can be purchased from EduThreads at <https://eduthreads.com.au/>

There is also a collection of second-hand uniform stored at school and can be accessed by parents to purchase at any time. Parents can contact Jacinta Gunton to organise.

Support for families experiencing difficulty

Please contact the Principal to discuss support that we may be able to provide to families experiencing difficulty meeting uniform costs, including information about eligibility for uniform support through State Schools' Relief. Further information about State Schools' Relief is also available on their website: <https://www.ssr.net.au/>

IMPLEMENTATION

Bayles Regional Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website and School Stream. We will assist students who may be experiencing difficulties complying with this policy where possible.

If a student is out of school uniform or otherwise breaches the Student Dress Code on a recurring basis, a note will be provided to the student and parents by the classroom teacher. If non-compliance with the dress code becomes a continued occurrence, the Principal will be informed and a phone call home may be required. In this event, the school will continue to work with the student and family to support compliance.

EXEMPTIONS TO STUDENT DRESS CODE

We recognise that there may be situations where the application of this dress code may affect students unequally.

Students and their parents or carers may apply either in writing or in person to the Principal for an exemption to this Student Dress Code if:

- an aspect of this code prevents the student from complying with a requirement of their religious, ethnic or cultural beliefs or background

- the student has a particular disability or health condition that requires a departure from the dress code
- the student or their parents/carers can demonstrate particular economic hardship that prevents them from complying with the dress code.

When the Principal receives a request for an exemption, they will:

- consider the grounds for the exemption request
- explain the process to the student and/or their parents/carers
- encourage the student and/or their parents/carers to support their application with evidence.

The Principal or delegate will then try to negotiate a resolution that is acceptable to all parties. If an exemption is not allowed, then written reasons will be provided to the student and/or their parents or carers.

CONCERNS ABOUT THIS STUDENT DRESS CODE

Bayles Regional Primary School welcomes feedback from the school community in relation to this Student Dress Code. If you have a concern or complaint about the Student Dress Code, further information about raising a concern or complaint is available in our school's *Parent Complaint Policy*, available on our website or from the office.

COMMUNICATION

This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways:

- Available publicly on our school's website
- Discussed at staff briefings/meetings as required
- Included in transition and enrolment packs
- Discussed at parent information nights/sessions
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Bayles Regional Primary School's Sunsmart Policy
- Bayles Regional Primary School's Parent Complaint Policy
- Bayles Regional Primary School's Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy
- Department of Education and Training [Student Dress Code](#)
- Department of Education and Training [Student Engagement policies and guidelines](#).

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Policy last reviewed	13 th March 2023
Consultation	2022- Via survey to parents
Approved by	School Council
Next scheduled review date	March 2026

NOTE: The Department's Student Dress Code policy requires School Councils to decide annually whether or not amendments or a full review of the dress code is required

APPENDIX A

Dress Code

Navy blue tunic
Navy blue and white check summer dress
Navy blue skort
Navy blue pants (track pants, cords and drill pants)
Navy blue shorts, excluding bike shorts
Navy blue or white long or short sleeved polo shirt with logo
Navy blue or white skivvy (only to be worn under tunic)
Navy blue hooded windcheater, crew neck windcheater and/or jacket with logo
Optional Grade 6 uniform will be available

Accessories

Navy blue waterproof jacket
Navy blue beanie, scarf and gloves
Navy blue full length (tight fitting) leggings or tights (only to be worn under a school dress or tunic).
Navy blue Sun smart hat with logo and sunglasses (Mid August to April)
Navy blue, black and/or white hair accessories
School Bag with Logo
Plain Navy blue, black or white socks
Black school shoes and/ or suitable sports shoes (predominately black or white)
If gumboots are worn outside in winter children must have alternative footwear to wear inside

External Sports Uniform

Navy Blue polo with logo, shorts, skort or pants. Active wear leggings in navy blue or black are permitted.
Navy blue Sun smart hat with logo (Mid August to April)

