

Dress Code – Uniform Policy



Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand this policy, please contact the school on 9393 5800

Rationale |

The College Council has endorsed a variety of uniform items which form the student Dress Code.

Council believes that the wearing of a clearly defined uniform and a high standard of personal grooming creates a sense of collective and individual pride in students' identification with their school. In addition it provides a common standard of dress which is non-competitive and safe, and enhances the image of the college in the community.

Aims |

Defining an identity for the College within the community and promoting a positive perception of the College.

- Reinforcing that school is a workplace, and reminds students of the standards valued by workplaces and the broader community.
- Ensuring issues of Occupational Health & Safety are addressed
- Making school clothing affordable for families and eliminating the risk of peer pressure to wear transiently fashionable and expensive clothing and thereby promote equality amongst all students.
- Increasing the personal safety of students and staff by allowing easier recognition of visitors and potential intruders in the College.

Implementation |

- The designated Dress Code: Student Uniform, as determined by College Council, is available on the College website, Compass and Parent Information Handbook.
- All students from Prep to Year 12 are required to wear the school uniform.
- Newly enrolled students and their parents/guardians are to be clearly advised of the Dress Code: Student Uniform requirements and the process of acquiring a uniform via the College Uniform Shop. Agreement to abide by the uniform policy is a requirement of enrolment.
- 'Out of Uniform' days are sometimes held in order to raise money for social services. On such occasions, neat casual dress and neat safe footwear (no thongs) is permitted. The Principal reserves the right to decide what is permissible.
- The College's Health & Physical Education (HAPE) uniform is to be worn for timetabled Physical Education classes as well as for interschool sporting events. Students are expected to be in full school uniform at all other times.
- School Swimming Sports, Athletics Carnivals and Cross Country: on these sporting occasions, students may wear clothing in their House Colours or sports uniform.



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Health and Safety |

- Students are encouraged to wear wide brimmed hats when outdoors. The Uniform Shop stocks a suitable hat with a College logo. P-6 students *no hat no play* rule will apply. Hats are not to be worn in the classroom.
- College Council strongly recommends the use of Bicycle Safety Vests when students are riding bicycles to and from the school, helmets are compulsory by law for all bicycle riders.

The Dress Code applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when students are on school excursions (unless otherwise agreed). Students are expected to dress in complete school uniform and to present a neat appearance. No modifications are to be made. In addition:

- A plain white t-shirt may be worn underneath the white school shirt
- Dress & skirt/short length: set at mid knee to 5cm above knee
- Socks – white ankle socks to be worn with all uniform items (grey ankle socks may be worn with grey trousers only)
- Navy tights to be worn with tunic, dress and skirt. (black tights are not permitted)
- Black leather school shoes (Appendix A). No logos, brand names, sport shoes, soft leather or leisure shoes.
- Navy or white headscarf
- Jewellery should not be obvious or extreme. Ear sleepers / studs must be small and unobtrusive
- Facial piercing is not acceptable. Extreme hairstyles & colours are not permitted. Inappropriate symbols, which may include but not limited to badges, jewellery or hairstyles are not permitted. This is at the discretion of the College Principal
- Cosmetics and make-up should not be obvious
- Hat - navy broad brim with crest (P-Y6)
- School Cap with school logo (Y7 to Y12)
- No caps (except school cap), beanies or other head wear may not be worn during school hours or to/from school
- The full list of the College's compulsory school uniform items are available at Appendix B to this policy.

All teaching staff are required to enforce the Dress Code - Student Uniform Policy.

Any issues related to the uniform will need to be addressed in writing to College Council via Campus Principal.

If a student is out of uniform, one of the following practices will be appropriate:

- In an emergency, parent/guardian may write a note of explanation asking that an exemption be granted for that day. A Uniform Pass will be issued by the Assistant Principal, Year Level Co-ordinator or Pastoral Care teacher.
- If the parent can be contacted the student will be sent home to return only when in full school uniform.
- If a parent cannot be contacted the student will be provided with emergency clothing for that day and after shall not return to school until they are in full school uniform.
- Where there is a long term difficulty the school will consult with parents to find a solution.



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Designated Uniform Supplier is:

DOBSONS

Registered Office: 667 Glenferrie Road

Hawthorn 3122, Victoria

Phone: (03) 9819 1122

Fax: (03) 9819 2854

<http://www.dobsons.com.au>

- The designated uniform supplier will provide the college with information on prices of garments. This information will be distributed to new enrolments and made available to all parents on request.
- The designated supplier will be responsible for the maintenance of a uniform shop at Bayside College and staffed under their responsibility.
- The designated supplier will remain the sole supplier of the school uniform for the duration of the agreement.

Uniform Shop |

The Uniform Shop will be staffed and operated from:

Bayside College – Paisley Campus

Blenheim Road

Newport 3015

Phone: (03) 9399 3178

- All uniform garments and services related to the uniform will be available through the Uniform Shop at the Paisley Campus.
- Provision will be made through the Uniform Shop for re-sale of second-hand uniform garments as they become available.
- Prices for second-hand uniform garments are negotiated between the designated supplier and individual parent/guardian.
- The College takes no responsibility for any business transactions.
- Not all garments will be available for re-sale. This is the responsibility of the designated supplier to negotiate with each parent individually.
- Alterations can be made through the designated supplier at the Uniform Shop.

Communication |

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

- Available publicly on our College's website and on COMPASS
- Included in enrolment documentation
- Available with purchase of uniform
- Hard copy available from College administration upon request

Further information |

- <https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/student-dress-code/policy>
- [Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy](#)



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Approval |

Consultation | College Council & Student Representative Group

Date of approval by College Council | **October 2023**

Review Date | **October 2026**



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Appendix A:

All student footwear must meet the following criteria.



School shoes worn as part of the formal (academic) school uniform and in all technology, science and art classes must comply with the following criteria:

- Be of sturdy black leather construction (fully enclose the foot)
- Be in a lace-up or T-Bar style.
- Should not display any 'logos'
- Should have a heel that does not exceed 3 cm.
(No skate or runner style shoe with a flat sole should be worn)

Unacceptable Footwear:

- Any footwear that resembles a casual shoe, runner, ballet style shoe or slip-on
- Any footwear that is not of sturdy black leather construction
- Any footwear that does not have a heel of less than 3 cm.



Note: Students wishing to obtain a long term uniform pas pass for medical reasons will require a medical certificate from a podiatrist or physiotherapist. In this case students will be expected to obtain suitable alternative black footwear, but will still require approved safety footwear as stated above for use in technology, art and practical classes.



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Appendix B:

		
Jacket	Pull Over	Dress
		
Shirt Short & Long Sleeved	Short (P-Y4)	Short (Y5-Y12)
		
Blouse Long Sleeved	Tunic (P-Y4)	Skirt (Y5-Y12)



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Socks	Short white ankle (grey ankle socks trousers only)
Tights	Navy
Scarf	Navy

