



# BELMORE SCHOOL STUDENT DRESS CODE

## PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Belmore 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 Belmore 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 Belmore 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 Belmore 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, Belmore School students must comply with the following:

- 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.

### 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. 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.



## PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS

Uniform items can be purchased directly from our school. The uniform order form can be obtained from our school website or from the office.

<https://belmoresc.vic.edu.au/uniform-ordering/>

### **Support for families experiencing difficulty**

Please contact the Principal or Administration officer 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

Belmore School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website and newsletter and social media. 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.

Measures taken by Belmore School to address concerns about student non-compliance with the Student Dress Code will also be addressed in accordance with our Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy.

## 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

Belmore 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 the school website.

## FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

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

## REVIEW CYCLE AND EVALUATION

This policy was last updated on 17<sup>th</sup> August 2023 and is scheduled for review in August 2027

Approved by Principal	17 <sup>th</sup> August 2023
Ratified by Belmore School Council	Initially only 2019
Ratification Date	17 <sup>th</sup> August 2023
Review Date	August 2027



## APPENDIX A: BELMORE SCHOOL UNIFORM ITEMS

### Girls Summer

- White/navy/green check school dress
- Short sleeve teal green polo shirt
- Navy shorts or skort
- Navy polar fleece vest
- Navy polar fleece jacket
- White or navy blue socks
- School Hat

### Girls Winter

- Long or short sleeve teal green polo shirt
- Navy track pants
- Navy Bootleg pants
- Navy polar fleece vest
- Navy polar fleece jacket
- White or navy blue socks

### Boys Summer

- Short sleeve teal green polo shirt
- Navy shorts
- Navy trousers
- Navy polar fleece vest
- Navy polar fleece jacket
- White or navy blue socks
- School hat

### Boys Winter

- Long or short sleeve teal green polo shirt
- Navy track pants
- Navy trousers
- Navy polar fleece vest
- Navy polar fleece jacket
- White or navy blue socks

### Please note:

- *Shoes are optional to support individual student's physical requirements.*
- *All polo tops, jackets and vests are to display the Belmore School logo.*
- *A micromesh sports polo which can be interchanged with the teal green polo top is still in the development stage and should be ready for ordering by June.*

### Hats – to be worn from mid-August to 30 April

Navy broadbrim without decoration or brand name.