
Policy: Student Uniform
School: Benalla P-12 College
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SECTION THREE: STUDENTS

3.4 Student Uniform Policy

Basic Beliefs

Benalla P-12 College has a compulsory school uniform and dress code for students from Prep to Year 12, that promotes students' sense of identity with and pride in their school, as well as enhancing the profile, image and identity of our students within the wider community. Issues of equality, cost, health and safety and preparation for the workplace, are factors that contribute to the school's code of appearance.

Guidelines:

- School Council will determine a Uniform that allows students to safely engage in many varied school activities.
- The Uniform Policy and dress code applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and while students are on school excursions (unless otherwise specified).
- The Principal, staff, parents and students are all responsible for implementation of the Uniform Policy.
- Students are expected to wear the uniform in the manner designed.
- Uniforms are to be clean and in good repair.
- Skirts and shorts are to be worn just above the knee.

Implementation:

All students are required to wear school uniform. The following steps will be taken for students who come to school not in uniform:-

- Spare, clean uniform items will be provided for all students not in uniform
- An explanation letter and a copy of the Uniform Policy will be sent home to students who are regularly not in full school uniform. This will be completed by the appropriate staff member on each campus.
- If the student continues to attend school out of uniform, the Campus Principal or Assistant Principal will make contact with parents to discuss the matter.
- Students not wearing a hat will be instructed to remain in a shaded area.
- The Student Uniform Policy will be provided to every new parent to the school via the Enrolment Pack.
- The policy will be explained to the students at the commencement of each school year

Prep - Year 4

Summer Uniform – Terms 1 & 4

- Black, firm fitting, with enclosed toes. Shoes should be laced (with black shoe laces) or fastened. No ballet flats. Sports shoes are acceptable.
- School Polo Top (short or long sleeved)
- Plain navy tracksuit pants, navy shorts or long navy slacks. Cargo pants, jeans, corduroys, basketball shorts or running shorts are not acceptable.
- School blue checked summer dress
- Plain navy skirt
- Skort
- School windcheater
- School blue woollen jumper
- Plain white or navy socks
- School navy hat

Winter Uniform – Terms 2 & 3

- Black, firm fitting, with enclosed toes. Shoes should be laced (with black shoe laces) or fastened. No ballet flats. Sports shoes are acceptable.
- School Polo Top (short or long sleeved)
- Plain navy tracksuit pants, navy shorts or long navy slacks. **Cargo pants, jeans, corduroys, basketball shorts or running shorts are not acceptable.**
- School tartan pinafore worn with plain white skivvy or long sleeved T-shirt and navy tights or white socks
- Plain navy skirt
- School windcheater
- School blue woollen jumper
- Navy tights or socks or plain white socks (not to be worn together)
- School navy hat (until the 1st May)
- Scarf (optional)
- Navy School Jacket
- Navy Vest

Year 5 - Year 12

Summer Uniform – Terms 1 & 4

- Black, firm fitting, with enclosed toes. Shoes should be laced (with black shoe laces) or fastened. No ballet flats.
- School Polo Top (short or long sleeved)
- Plain navy shorts or long navy slacks or navy straight leg track pants (*parachute type material only*). **Cargo pants, jeans, corduroys, basketball shorts or running shorts are not acceptable.**
- School blue checked summer dress
- Plain navy skirt
- School windcheater
- School woollen jumper
- Plain white or navy socks
- School navy hat

Winter Uniform – Terms 2 & 3

- Black, firm fitting, with enclosed toes. Shoes should be laced (with black shoe laces) or fastened. No ballet flats.
- School Polo Top (short or long sleeved)
- Plain navy shorts or long navy slacks or plain navy, blue, straight leg, track pants (*in the parachute type material only*). **Cargo pants, jeans, corduroys, basketball shorts or running shorts are not acceptable.**
- School tartan skirt worn with school polo top and navy tights (no socks)
- Plain navy skirt
- School windcheater
- School blue woollen jumper
- Navy tights or socks or plain white socks (not to be worn together)
- School navy hat (until 1st May)
- Pleated skirt
- Scarf (optional)
- Navy School Jacket
- Navy Vest
- Plain Navy Beanie

PE/Sports Uniform Year 7 - Year 12 - Optional Yrs 5 & 6

- White college sports shirt and navy sports shorts
- Sport shoes
- School navy hat for outdoor sports activities.

All Students

- Headscarves and bandanas (except for religious purposes) are not permitted
- Hair ties and ribbons are to be minimal in size and in school colours.
- Navy shorts, pants, slacks & tracksuit pants must not have logos, patterns or stripes.
- Caps are not permitted
- Hoodies are not permitted
- School hat must be worn from 1 September to 30 April
- No hats to be worn inside
- Makeup should be minimal
- Jewellery is not part of the college uniform and is to be kept to a minimum. For safety reasons no tapers (stretchers) are permitted.
- Facial piercing should be discrete and not dangling.
- In practical classes (e.g. PE, cooking, woodwork) teachers may request students to remove jewellery. (OH&S guideline/OH&S policy)
- Leather shoes must be worn in all practical classes (OH&S guideline/OH&S policy)
- Undershirts and items of underwear are not to be visible at any time and must be fully covered by the appropriate school uniform.

Basis for discretion:

The basis for discretion lies with the Principal as an operational matter.

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