

# STUDENT DRESS CODE

## CONTEXT

This policy has been developed in response to parent requests, and within guidelines put forward by the Department for Education and Children's Development (DECD).

This policy has been updated and ratified by the Blakeview Primary School Governing Council in 2017.

Every effort will be made to support every student to access education and adhere to the dress code.

## BELIEFS

We believe that the wearing of approved school clothing :

- promotes pride in our school.
- enhances our public image and identity.
- reduces peer pressure.
- promotes opportunity for equal participation in the broader school program.
- encourages appropriate clothing for school activities.
- provides parents with a cost effective option for school clothing.
- promotes sun safety.

## NOT FOLLOWING THE CODE

A letter will go home to parents/carers to inform them of the issue.

A Parent/Caregiver with Student meeting will be held to discuss uniform concern as required.

A diary note, from parent/caregiver, is required for any student not wearing the appropriate clothing eg laundry, cleaning, mending on any given day.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

*What is the ruling about logos?*

Students are very sensitive to brand names on clothing with significant peer pressure experienced. The Governing Council has taken a strong stand on no brand names or logos, including stripes.

*Can my child wear leggings under dresses?*

No leggings under dresses are allowed, but bike shorts above the knee are permitted under dresses only. Jeggings are defined as Leggings

*Can my child wear denim shorts or pants?*

Yes, provided the denim is navy blue, loose fitting, but not overly baggy, good quality, no rips or tears and the hem extends beyond the fingertips of the student.

*What is the dress code about shoes?*

Thongs, heels or platform shoes and shoes that slip off easily (eg tucked in laces, no strap) Ugg boots are deemed unsafe. Shoes need to have grip on soles. There is no restriction on the colour of shoes.

*What jewellery can I wear?*

Sleepers and studs in the ear lobe are permitted, with no more than one in each ear. No earring which may present as a safety risk such as stretchers are permitted. Piercings in other body parts are also not permitted. No make up including nail polish is permitted.



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## **CLOTHING**

All students will wear approved school clothing unless an exemption has been sought in writing and approved by the Principal.

The only grounds on which you may seek exemption are:

- Religion or Culture
- Genuine medical grounds

The Blakeview Primary School official colours are navy and light blue.

All Clothing must be in school colours. Clothing and footwear must be suitable for normal school activities, including PE, without causing issues of safety, decency or harassment. Appropriate sporty underwear should be worn with dresses and skirts. Footwear must be closed in shoe, sneakers, closed toe sandals (with back strap or full buckle).

## **SUN SMART**

Blakeview Primary School is a Sun Smart school.

All children are required to have an approved style and colour hat at school every day.

Students will be required to wear the hat during outside activity periods and during excursions. Wearing hats is compulsory in term 1 and term 4 and when the UV rating is above 3 in term 2 and 3. Students are informed of the UV rating every morning. This is in line with the Sun Smart national policy.

## **JEWELLERY**

A small necklace (i.e. fine chain with or without small pendant), a watch and/or a Medic Alert bracelet are permitted. All other jewellery is prohibited.

Pieces that may cause injury to the wearer or other students if caught in equipment/clothing or pulled are prohibited. Piercings are restricted to studs or sleepers in the ear lobe. Other piercings must be removed or covered with a band aid.

## **UNSUITABLE ITEMS**

- Skirts and shorts shorter than extended finger tip
- Tops that bare midriff
- Bracelets, bangles, large earrings or large/heavy necklaces, stretchers, other body piercings
- Overly baggy or long pants
- Leggings / Jeggings
- Thongs, heels or platform shoes. Shoes that 'slip off' easily, Ugg Boots
- Any visible high profile brand name or logo (even if in official colours) as part of our response to peer pressure problems
- Clothing displaying offensive (racist, sexist, drug related, swearing etc) images or messages
- Makeup of any kind.
- Ripped and torn clothing

## **DRESS CODE ITEMS**

All of the following items are available from Admin 8:00—4:00pm

- Polo shirts long and short sleeve
- Skorts (skirt looking shorts)
- Cargo shorts
- Cargo pants
- Track Pants
- Summer dress
- Girls tights
- Fleece jacket or jumper
- Hats—legionnaires, broad brim and bucket style
- BPS School bag

Refer to the school website for further details or pick up a price list from the front office.

Purchasing can be made in to the front office. Payments can be made over the phone or cash and credit card can be used at the front office.

## **COMMUNICATION**

The Student Dress Code policy will be distributed through the newsletter each year, published in the School Information Booklet and on the school website.

## **AUTHORITY**

Changes to dress code, quality control, ordering and sales are vested in the Governing Council.

The Governing Council has the authority to amend the Student Dress Code Policy. This is done annually.