

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Boneo 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 Boneo 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 Boneo 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.

POLICY

Uniforms and appearance

Boneo Primary School's uniform items are as listed:

- Colours to be worn are red and black
- Dresses to be red and white check
- Polos/tee shirts are to be red
- Pants/long shorts are to be black (without logos)
- School logo windcheaters/hoodies are to be black or red
- School approved hat colour red
- Only approved Boneo Primary School logo on any item

Uniforms are available from Advanced Promotional Clothing 5981 4577 located in Dromana.

General appearance

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, Boneo 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 or cosmetics to school. Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, and watches, are the only acceptable jewellery.

Hair and Sun safety

Shoulder length or longer hair is to be tied back.

School uniform hats must be worn outside from mid August to end of April and on any other day prescribed by the school. School uniform hats may also be worn outside of this time period.

Shoes

Shoes worn by students must be closed toe at all times unless an exemption is discussed with the Principal.

Support for families experiencing difficulty

Please contact the Principal or Assistant 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

Boneo Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website and information pack. 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

Boneo 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 the school website.

COMMUNICATION

The Student Dress Code will be communicated to our school community in the following ways:

- Available publicly on our school's website
- Included in staff induction processes and staff training
- Included in staff handbook/manual
- Included in transition and enrolment packs
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

RELATED POLICIES AND RESOURCES

- Sunsmart Policy (available on school website)
- Parent Complaint Policy (available on school website)
- Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy (available on school website)
- Department of Education and Training [Student Dress Code](#)
- Department of Education and Training [Student Engagement policies and guidelines](#).

ENDORSEMENT

This policy was ratified by School Council on 17th August 2021

REVIEW PERIOD

This policy is scheduled for review August 2024.