



## Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact Boneo Primary School on 5988 6253.

## 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.

## 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

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, 1/3 Trehwitt Ct, Dromana VIC 3936.

### 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 should 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
- Studs, sleepers and watches are the only acceptable jewellery

### **Health and safety**

Shoulder length or longer hair is to be tied back to help restrict the spread of lice and for student safety.

Jewellery, nails, hair accessories and similar items that interfere with students' ability to engage with school activities safely and fully are not permitted.

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 choice. Support staff and students to use a combination of sun protection measures when UV index levels are 3 or above (generally from mid-August to the end of April in Victoria, which covers most of the school year)

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.

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

### **PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS**

Uniform items can be purchased from Advanced Promotional Clothing 5981 4577, 1/3 Trehwitt Ct, Dromana VIC 3936.

The School Council has considered affordability in the development of this dress code. However, if you are facing difficulty meeting uniform costs the [Help with school costs and fees](#) page provides advice on support offered by the Victorian Government. If your child is starting prep or year 7 and is eligible to receive support via the [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund](#), you may be eligible to access the Affordable School Uniform (ASU) program.

Please contact the Principal to discuss support that we may be able to provide.

### **IMPLEMENTATION**

Boneo Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website and our 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 acknowledge that there might be instances where the enforcement of this dress code could impact students differently.

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 financial 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](#).

## COMMUNICATION

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

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

## FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

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

## POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Policy last reviewed	October 2024
Consultation	29 October 2024
Approved by	School Council
Next scheduled review date	October 2025

## **APPENDIX A: SCHOOL UNIFORM ITEMS**

### **All year round**

The following items may be worn all year round, with either the summer or winter uniform:

#### **Only approved Boneo Primary School logo on any item**

##### **Jumper, Jacket or Vest**

Black or red with school logo

##### **Polo shirts**

Red with school logo.

##### **Skorts**

Plain black and in winter can be worn with black tights/stockings.

##### **Pants**

Plain, black track pants without decoration or brand name

##### **Socks or tights/stockings**

Black or white socks

Black tights/stockings

##### **Footwear**

Appropriate footwear is to be worn. Summer sandals with covered toes, black or brown school shoes or pull on school boots or runners are permitted. No thongs or open-toed sandals are permitted.

##### **Headwear**

Red, white or black head bands, hair ribbons, "scrunchies" or headwear worn as part of cultural/religious beliefs. Elastic Bands used to tie up hair may be worn in any colour.

### **Summer Uniform**

#### **Dresses**

Summer red and white checked dress

#### **Shorts**

Plain black shorts without decoration or brand name

### **Winter Uniform**

#### **Shorts**

Plain black pants without decoration or brand name

### **Hats – to be worn from mid-August (date announced annually) to 30 April**

School approved hat colour red