



BFPS STUDENT DRESS CODE POLICY

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Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact Banyan Fields Primary School on 9782 1333.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Banyan Fields 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 Banyan Fields 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 Banyan Fields 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.

UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE

General appearance

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, Banyan Fields 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.

Banyan Fields Primary School's compulsory school uniform items are as follows:

All Year Round

The following items may be worn all year round:

Tops

- Polo shirt in bottle green with contrast plum collar
- Nylon zip jacket, bottle green with contrast plum collar and embroidered logo
- Bottle green rugby windcheater with embroidered logo

The above items can be purchased through Primary School Wear (PSW)

Bottoms

Bottoms should be plain without decoration or writing. Bottoms should be bottle green in colour and are permitted in the following options;

- shorts
- skort
- long pants - track pants, fitted pant or trouser

Socks or tights/stockings

- Black, white or bottle green plain non-logo socks
- Tights should be bottle green and should be worn under either dresses or bottoms as listed above

Dress

- Green, plum and white checked summer dress which can be purchased through Primary School Wear (PSW)

Footwear

Appropriate footwear is to be worn.

Shoes should be runners or black school shoes with no heel. Canvas shoes, boots or fashion shoes are not permitted.

For safety reasons no thongs, open toe or open back shoes, shoes with rollers or higher heels are permitted.

School Rain Coat (Optional Item)

External coats are permitted in any colour when worn to and from school. At school coats should be a school colour/design and must be removed whilst inside the school buildings.

Headwear

Green, plum or white head bands, hair ribbons, bows, “scrunchies” or headwear worn as part of cultural/religious beliefs. Elastic Bands used to tie up hair may be worn in any colour.

Specialist Item – Year 6

Specially designed grade 6 polo or rugby top. This item is an optional purchase for Grade 6 Students only from Fashion Clubwear (FCW). Information on how to order these will be provided prior to the year 6 school year.

Students must not personalise any item of school uniform with names or nicknames, this includes, but is not limited to screen-printing or embroidery.

Specialist Item – House tops (Optional Item) Available from term 4 2023

Specially designed House sports tops. This item is an optional item that can be worn all day on Friday during House Sports afternoon. These tops will be provided to free for families in 2023, with opportunities to purchase in future years.

Jewellery and cosmetics

- Students are not permitted to wear decorative jewellery to school. Stud or small sleeper earrings in the ear may be worn are the only acceptable jewellery. Other jewellery is not permitted due to safety issues.
- Watches should not have access to a cellular (telecommunication) system and should follow the Mobile Phone Student Use Policy.
- Cosmetics may not be worn at school.
- Other adornments are not permitted e.g. Tattoos; acrylic nails, nail polish

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.
- Hair colour outside of natural colourings is 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.
- Baseball caps are not permitted as they do not comply with our Sun Smart policy.
- 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 Primary School Wear (PSW) <http://www.psw.com.au>. Store locations can be found on their website.

Year 6 tops can be purchased from Fashion Clubwear (FCW). Information on how to order these will be provided prior to the year 6 school year.

At certain times of year Banyan Fields Primary School also runs a second-hand uniform sale. Information will be provided to families when these occur.

Support for families experiencing difficulty

Please contact the Wellbeing Officer by contacting the school office 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

Banyan Fields Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website and parent handbook. We will assist students who may be experiencing difficulties complying with this policy where possible.

Banyan Fields Primary school strongly encourages the wearing of official logo uniform items, but non-logo bottle green tops are accepted.

Students wearing non-compliant uniform items may be asked to change into a compliant item of spare, clean clothing provided by the school.

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 Banyan Fields Primary 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.

If a student is out of school uniform a note is required from parents/careers is acceptable. Only two days are permissible unless otherwise arranged with the school. It is expected that in this situation, students would wear school colours and that clothing will not have inappropriate screen-printing/logo.

There may be occasions where students are permitted to wear non-school uniform e.g. fundraising, as a class or year level reward, book parade or house activities etc. The event will be advertised in advance and parents will be notified of the event/activity.

Students must not personalise any item of school uniform with names or nicknames, this includes, but is not limited to screen-printing or embroidery. This is particularly important to ensure the safety and well-being of students and maintain their anonymity whilst out of school in regard to Child Safe Standards.

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 in writing 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

Banyan Fields 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
- Reminders in our school newsletter
- Discussed at staff briefings/meetings as required
- Included in transition and enrolment packs
- Discussed at parent information nights/sessions
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

The following policies are located on our school webpage for review <https://www.bfps.vic.edu.au/policies>

- Banyan Fields Primary School Sunsmart Policy
- Banyan Fields Primary School Parent Complaint Policy
- Banyan Fields Primary School Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy

The following policies are located on The Department of Education's webpage for review

- Department of Education and Training [Student Dress Code](#)
- Department of Education and Training [Student Engagement policies and guidelines](#).

REVIEW CYCLE

This Student Dress Code was last approved by School Council on June 2023 and is scheduled for review in June 2024.