



UNIFORM POLICY



Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact Boort District P-12 School (BDS).

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to

- ensure all parents / carers, students and staff have a consistent understanding of the role of uniform for BDS
- reinforce the belief that a uniform dress code promotes student pride in their own appearance and instils recognition of students as an integral and identifiable part of the school community.
- Explain that the wearing of uniform helps to identify those students who belong to the school in the school yard and on excursions. Issues of equality, Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) and financial expense are also factors that contribute to the establishment of the Uniform Policy.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all students and their parents / carers at BDS

DEFINITION

Parent / Carer – includes a guardian and every person who has parental responsibility for the child, including parental responsibility under the *Family Law Act 1975* (Cth) and any person with whom a child normally or regularly resides.

POLICY

The BDS Uniform Policy was originally developed in consultation with the school community, the Student Representative Council, Parents' Club, and School Council. BDS provides choices for the students, allows for students to safely engage in the many varied school activities offered and is sympathetic to the financial constraints of families.

- Official supplier of BDS Uniform is Hip Pocket, 1/78 Hattam Street Bendigo
- The dress code applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when students are on school excursions (unless otherwise advised). All students are expected to be in the correct uniform daily. PE uniform is only to be worn on days where students have PE (including special days such as Athletics/Sports)
- PE Uniform:
 - F-4 students are permitted to wear the BDS PE uniform on the day that they have their PE class and specialist days as advertised to parents.
 - Students in Year 5-12 are to change into and out of PE uniform for their PE classes or as directed by their teacher.
- Singlet tops and thongs are not to be worn as uniform items or on 'out of uniform' days.

- Minimal jewellery may be worn – watch, stud earrings and sleepers. Large and/or dangling accessories which pose an Occupational Health and Safety risk are not to be worn.
- Uniform is expected to be clean and presentable.
- Footwear:
 - All students are expected to wear solid black shoes, which cover the top of the foot. (lace up, buckle, pull on, Velcro fastening) to all classes. In accordance with OH & S guidelines, students undertaking Science and Technology subjects such as wood, Home Economics, Gateways are expected to wear covered toed shoes in a solid material. Ballet type slippers and slip on shoes are not to be worn.
 - P-4 students are permitted to wear runners on the day when they have PE. Year 5-12 students can change into appropriate sports shoes for the PE class. Students are expected to have the appropriate footwear for technology classes on the appropriate day.
- Students not wearing school approved footwear will be excluded from Technology and Science practical classes until appropriate footwear is provided.
- BDS Bucket hats are compulsory and must be worn during Terms 1 and 4 whilst students are out in the sun. Hats are to be removed when inside. Students are encouraged to wear the BDS bucket hat during Term 2 and 3.
- Minimal cosmetics are to be worn to school.
- The student dress code, including details of uniform items and place of purchase will be published in the newsletter at the start of each year, in the school information handbooks and available on the school website.
- Arrangements can be made to supply uniforms via State Schools Relief for families experiencing economic hardship.
- Students who attend school out of uniform are expected to bring a note from their parent or carer stating the uniform issue and the expected date the issue will be resolved. This note should be signed by HGT.
- Students are expected to be in full school uniform when on an excursion or representing BDS unless specifically stated in documentation.
- Students will be encouraged to comply with the Uniform Policy by:
 - Monitoring in Home Group
 - Personal encouragement
 - Assistance by well-being to provide uniform options
- Families will be contacted and offered support options for students to be in full correct school uniform.
- NCTTC students will attend in appropriate clothing and footwear for their subjects at NCTTC.
- Students who are not in uniform will not be allowed to leave the school grounds or attend excursions unless explicitly stated on the excursion form.

MORE INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- [School Attendance Guidelines](#)
- School Policy and Advisory Guide: [Attendance](#)
- [School intranet](#)

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

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| Policy last reviewed | June 2023 |
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| Approved by | Principal and School Council |
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