

STUDENT DRESS CODE POLICY



Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact the schools Business Manager.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Ballam Park 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 Ballam Park 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 Ballam Park 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

The full list of Ballam Park Primary School's **COMPULSORY** school uniform items are available at PSW. <https://www.psw.com.au/schools/ballam-park-primary-school.html>

General Appearance

- After consultation with the school community and the Student Representative Council, School Council has developed a Dress Code that we believe provides choice for the students and allows for students to safely engage in the many varied school activities.
- All prospective students and parents should be notified of the Dress Code requirements prior to enrolment.
- With the exception of coats, only items of school uniform are to be worn.
- The dress code applies to the school day; travelling to and from school and on excursions.

- Small stud earrings and sleepers (standard size or smaller-suitable for active play) are the only acceptable jewellery. No other body piercings are allowed.
- Watches are allowed to be worn. If the watch that is worn is capable of receiving messages, phone calls and/or storing apps and/or games, it is to be switched to 'School Time mode' or similar function.
- Jewellery of cultural significance must be worn beneath clothing and a note requesting permission to wear the jewellery needs to be sent to the office by the parent/guardian.
- Cosmetics and/or hair dye is not allowed.
- Navy blue tights or navy socks are the only acceptable form of clothing to be worn with summer or winter dresses. No tracksuit pants are to be worn underneath dresses. Navy and black bike shorts are permitted.
- Gold skivvies are to be worn under the winter dress.
- The only acceptable socks to be worn are plain black, white or navy.
- Runners or black school shoes are the only acceptable form of footwear to be worn with the school uniform. Dress boots, gumboots, shoes with wheels in the bottom, sandals, thongs or ballet flats, etc are **NOT** acceptable and do not form part of the school uniform.
- Hats must be wide brimmed and school blue in colour. Beanies must be school blue in colour.
- Hair below shoulder length must be tied back with a plain coloured hair band. If shorter than shoulder length, hair must be out of the child's face, a school coloured head band may be worn. Large bows, clips or head bands with 'ears' or embellishments are NOT acceptable forms of head wear.
- No clothing with inappropriate screen printing will be worn.
- A note from parents is acceptable, in an emergency, for non-wearing of uniform. It is expected that in this situation, students would wear school colours (this includes winter scarves and broad brimmed hats and beanies). *Spare items can be accessed from the administration office in an emergency.*
- Prior to children accepting leadership roles, e.g. School Captain, House Captain, SRC membership, etc., there must be a commitment to exemplary behaviour and dress, i.e. school uniform consistently worn.
- School Council has the responsibility of reviewing the Dress Code.

PURCHASING OF UNIFORMS

Uniform items can be purchased from PSW in Carrum Downs or another PSW store, or parents/carers may order it directly from <https://www.psw.com.au/schools/ballam-park-primary-school.html>

School Council also operates a second-hand uniform store for parents/carers. Opening times will be communicated to the school community via COMPASS.

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

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

Students wearing non-compliant uniform items may be asked to change into a compliant item of clothing.

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 Ballam Park 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.

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 THE STUDENT DRESS CODE

Ballam Park 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's website.

COMMUNICATION

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

- Available publicly on our school's website (or insert other online parent/carer/student communication method)
- Reminders in our school newsletter
- Discussed in student forums
- Included in staff handbook/manual
- 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

COMMUNICATION

- Ballam Park Primary School Sunsmart Policy
- Ballam Park Primary Parent Complaint Policy

- Ballam Park Primary 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	16/12/2021
Consultation	School Council
Approved by	School Council
Next scheduled review date	2024

APPENDIX A: BALLAM PARK UNIFORM ITEMS



S/S Polo Shirt with Piping
Sml Emb - Ballam Park PS



L/S Polo Shirt with Piping
EMB- Ballam Park PS Vic



Bomber Jacket
Ballam Park PS (Emb)



Zip Yoke Windcheater
Ballam Park PS (Emb)



Crew Neck Windcheater
Ballam Park PS (Emb)



Polar Fleece Vest
Ballam Park PS (Emb)



Polar Fleece Jacket
Ballam Park PS (Emb)



Rugby Shorts - Drawstring
Ballam Park PS (Emb)



Trackpants - Straight Leg
Unbadged



Trackpants - Double Knee - Rib Cuff
Sml Prt - Ballam Park PS (Print)



Semi Fit Darted Dress
Unbadged



Skort
Unbadged



Box Pleat Tunic
Unbadged



Raincoat
Unbadged



Artsmock with Print
Unbadged



Safety Slouch Hat
Hat Emb - Ballam Park PS Vic



Backpack with Padding
Unbadged



Hair Band with Bow
Unbadged



Hair Bow on Elastic - Pair
Unbadged



Snap Hair Clips - 12 Pack
Unbadged



Coloured Hair Elastics - 12 pack
Unbadged



Multi-Pack Hair Accessories
Unbadged



Girls Tights
Unbadged



Cushion Foot Sports Socks - 3 Pack
Unbadged



Rib Knit Beanie
Hat Emb - Ballam Park PS Vic