

## **Purpose:**

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Bannockburn College'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 Bannockburn College'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 Bannockburn College's commitment to ensuring that our students feel equal and are dressed safely and appropriately for college activities.
- reduce student competition on the basis of clothing.
- enhance the profile and identity of the college and its students within the wider community.

The College 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:**

Wearing of College uniform is compulsory and a condition of enrolment. The full list of Bannockburn College's compulsory school uniform items are available in Appendix A and on our website at [www.bannockburnp12.vic.edu.au](http://www.bannockburnp12.vic.edu.au)

### **General appearance**

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, Bannockburn College students must comply with the following:

- Uniforms must be clean and in good repair
- Uniforms must be clearly marked with the owner's name
- Ties need to be worn neatly
- 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 to school. Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears (max two per year), and watches, are the only acceptable jewellery. A single small clear plastic nose stud is permitted. Tattoos (including temporary transfers) are to remain covered at all times.

Cosmetics may not be worn at school. Only clear nail polish is permitted.

### **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.

College broad brimmed hats must be worn outside during terms 1 and 4, and on any other day prescribed by the school. College uniform caps may also be worn outside of this time period, by parent or student choice.

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 from Bellarine Uniforms, Moorabool Street Geelong. Ph: (03) 5221 9199  
Email: [bellarine@noone.com.au](mailto:bellarine@noone.com.au) . Second Hand School Specialists (Sharon Wilmot) details on the College [website](#).

### **Support for families experiencing difficulty**

Please contact an Assistant Principal or Well-being 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**

Bannockburn College will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website and Compass communications. 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 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 Homegroup 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 Bannockburn College 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. In this case the college will consider support through Student Well-being provisions.

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**

Bannockburn College 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 college website at [www.bannockburnp12.vic.edu.au](http://www.bannockburnp12.vic.edu.au).

### **Further information and resources**

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

### **Review Cycle and Evaluation**

This Student Dress Code was last approved by College Council in **February 2020** and is scheduled for review in **February 2024**.

## APPENDIX A: Bannockburn College Uniform items

Primary – available items	Secondary – available items
College Summer Dress College Skort College Tunic College Polo Top (short or long sleeve) College ½ Zip Windcheater with logo College Sports Shorts with logo Navy Junior Trackpants College Soft Shell Jacket with logo College Thick Winter Jacket with logo College Soft Shell Vest with logo White Socks	College Blazer with logo College Pullover with logo College Vest with logo College Varsity Knit Cardigan with logo College Summer Dress College Skirt College White Blouse with logo (short or long sleeve) Grey School Shorts Thick Winter Jacket with logo Grey Trousers/slacks College Navy & White Check Shirt (short or long sleeve) White Socks Navy Tights Black, lace up, polishable shoes
Additional items	Sports uniform
College Bag with logo Library Book Folio with logo College Bucket Hat with logo College Slouch Hat with logo Beanie with logo Scarf with logo	College Soft Shell Jacket with logo College Rugby Top with logo College Sports Polo (short or long sleeve) College Sports Shorts with logo Senior Trackpants with logo Sports Socks White College Bucket Hat *Runners with non-marking sole
	Additional items
	College Bag with logo College Bucket Hat with logo College Cap with logo College Beanie with logo College Scarf with logo

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