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Uniform Policy

RATIONALE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Buln Buln 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 Buln Buln 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 Buln Buln 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.

IMPLEMENTATION

Students are expected to wear the school uniform of red and blue, which is neat, attractive, practical and economical.

School uniform is also compulsory for excursions, school representation and on inter-school sports days.

Uniform items include: red or navy t-shirt, red or navy polo shirt (short or long sleeved), windcheaters, bomber jacket, navy interlock shorts or stubbies, navy tunic, navy or red dress, or a red and white check dress.

In line with Sun Smart policy terms, hats must be worn when outside. The school's broadbrim hats are part of the school uniform. Hats must be clearly marked with the owner's name to limit confusion and potential transmission of head lice.

Hats are not to be worn at assembly, inside the school or in class.

All items of clothing are to be indelibly marked with the student's name.

Socks and closed toe shoes that protect the toes and foot, must be worn outside at all times. Shoes may be removed prior to entering the classroom.

Thongs and sleeveless shirts or tops are not to be worn at school.

The wearing of jewellery, which can be dangerous, or make-up is discouraged.

EVALUATION

This Policy will be reviewed as part of the school review cycle.

UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE

Uniform items include:

- red or navy t-shirt
- red or navy polo shirt (short or long sleeved)
- Buln Buln Primary School windcheater or hoodie
- Buln Buln Primary School bomber jacket
- navy interlock shorts or stubbies
- navy tunic
- navy or red dress; or
- red and white check dress

All items of clothing are to be indelibly marked with the student's name.

Socks and closed toe shoes that protect the toes and foot, must be worn outside at all times. Shoes may be removed prior to entering the classroom.

Thongs and sleeveless shirts or tops are not to be worn at school.

JEWELLERY AND COSMETICS

Students are not permitted to wear decorative jewellery to school. Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, and watches, are the only acceptable jewellery.

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.

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

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 with the Buln Buln Primary School logo can be purchased from Hip Pocket Workwear - 139 Queen Street, Warragul Victoria.

Buln Buln Primary School's Parents' Club also operates a second-hand uniform store for parents. Parents can contact the office for the second-hand uniform store operating hours.

SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES EXPERIENCING DIFFICULTY

Please contact the Principal or the 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

Buln Buln Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website, Parent Handbook and Class Newsletters. 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 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 Buln Buln 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 THIS STUDENT DRESS CODE

Buln Buln 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*.

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

Buln Buln Primary School Sunsmart Policy

Buln Buln Primary School Parent Complaint Policy

Buln Buln Primary School 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

This Student Dress Code was last approved by School Council June 2019 and is scheduled for review in 3 years.