

# POLICY

## Dress Code for Students

### Rationale:

The Beldon Primary School community through the School Board believes the wearing of a school uniform discourages competitive dressing amongst students and promotes a sense of identity. The School Board has determined that a school uniform should be worn.

### Purpose:

1. To provide parents and students with a dress code that is safe and appropriate for school activities, reasonable by contemporary standards, provides some choice, is affordable to parents and considers the risks of ultraviolet radiation.
2. To encourage the wearing of the school uniform by providing sanctions for students not complying with the dress code.
3. To provide appropriate processes for exemption or modification related to student health, cultural considerations, religion or any other matter which in the Principal's opinion, is sufficient to exempt a student from the dress code requirements.

### Guidelines:

Items designated on the current "School Uniform Order Form" constitute the dress code. In summary this is: -

#### Summer:

Light Blue Polo Shirt  
Navy Blue Shorts  
Navy Blue Cargo Shorts  
Navy Blue Skort  
Summer Dress

#### Winter:

Light Blue Polo Shirt  
Navy Blue Track Suit  
Navy Blue Zipper Jacket  
Navy Blue Dance Pants  
Navy Blue Cargo Pants

NB: A "No Hat, No Play" policy operates throughout the school year.

NB: The wearing of DENIM is not acceptable.

### Sports Uniform

Navy shorts/skort and school shirt or faction colour polo shirt (red, blue, green, gold) school hat and sport shoes.

### Footwear

Closed shoes and sandals in summer. Inappropriate shoes and sandals do not ensure safety at school.

### Hair

Shoulder length hair needs to be tied up. Hair ties, ribbons and headbands are to be in school colours.

### **Jewellery**

The wearing of jewellery for adornment is not appropriate at school. Plain sleepers or ear studs for pierced ears is acceptable.

### **Financial Difficulties**

Families who may experience financial difficulties regarding the purchase of a uniform should contact the Principal to seek a solution.

### **Modifications to the Dress Code**

Parents of students who, for religious or health reasons may wish to modify the school dress code are required to make an appointment with the principal or a deputy principal. Staff will be informed of any student granted a modification to the dress code.

### **Sanctions**

Students not complying with the dress code will be counseled and resolution of their concerns sought. Non-compliance with the dress code where exemptions have not been sought will result in a student being prevented from attending any activity in respect of which the student is representing the school, in school or out of school hours and may include representative teams of participants or spectators in areas of sport, drama, music, excursions and school social functions. Ongoing noncompliance of the dress code may lead to withdrawal and in extreme circumstances, suspension.

### **Enrolment**

Parents and students will be informed of the Beldon Primary School dress code at the time of enrolment. **Acceptance of enrolment at this school assumes an agreement between the school, the parent/guardian and the enrolling student, that the student will dress within the guidelines of the school dress code.** Any grounds for exemption should be raised and agreement reached at this time. *Parents of students already enrolled at Beldon Primary School are assumed to agree with this dress code. Any parents wishing to discuss exemptions should do so at the start of the school year.*

### **Review of the Dress Code**

As consultation with the school community has occurred via newsletters, the P & C meetings and the School Board, it is intended that this policy will have a life of five years before review.

Reviewed by: Beldon Primary School - School Board 2021

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