



Billanook Primary School

STUDENT DRESS CODE POLICY



PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Billanook 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 Billanook Primary School’s 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 Billanook 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.

School Council has developed a Dress Code we believe provides choice for students, allows them to safely engage in the many varied school activities, and caters for the financial constraints of family budgets

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 with the exception of ‘Out of Uniform Days’ which will be determined from time to time in an effort to raise money for Social Services and to provide opportunities for free dress.

UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE

Billanook Primary School’s compulsory school uniform items are as follows:

Shirts	Dress/ Skirt
School red and green polo shirt with logo	Summer dress Winter tartan tunic (button off bib) Winter tartan skirt
Warm Tops	Pants/ Shorts
Red and white long sleeve t-shirt (to be worn under winter tunic) Rugby top with school logo	Green poly viscose skorts Green poly viscose shorts Green poly viscose pants

Zip bomber jacket with school logo Level 6 jacket	Green bootleg pants Green padded knee track pants
Shoes	Hats
Black school shoes or appropriate solid footwear. Runners that are safe and secure and appropriately supportive MUST be closed in toe and heel, with laces, buckles or Velcro NO canvas slip on shoes, open toe shoes, roller shoes or fashion boots	Green bucket hat with school logo
Sport	Hair/ Makeup
Billanook School singlet or top provided for special events	Hair accessories, bottle green, red, white or black (elastics in black or brown may be worn)
Socks/ Tights	Jewellery
Billanook school socks Plain ankle sport socks in bottle green, white, red or black Green tights	Only watches, plain ear-studs or sleepers may be worn as jewellery.
School Bag	Other items
Billanook Primary School bag with logo	Raincoats, parkas and scarves in non-school colours may be worn to school but are not permitted to be worn during classes.

A special jacket for the Level 6 students will be available for purchase each year.

PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR CHILD'S NAME is marked clearly on EVERY PIECE OF CLOTHING (including raincoat, shoes, etc.) and EVERY PERSONAL BELONGING.

General appearance

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, Billanook Primary School students must comply with the following:

- Uniforms must be clean and in good repair
- Uniforms must be clearly marked with the owner's name
- Additional layers of clothing may be worn underneath the uniform for added warmth, provided these undergarments are completely hidden.

Hair and Sun safety

It is strongly recommended that hair beyond shoulder length is 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 to April. School uniform hats 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.

The following are not permitted:

- Clothing and accessories with prominently displayed brand names or offensive wording/logos.
- Tank tops, singlets and thongs.
- Fashion items in school colours.
- Extreme body piercing.
- Make up, nail polish or extreme hairstyles.
- Coloured zinc cream.
- Bike pants (unless under school dress)

PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS

In determining school uniform suppliers, careful consideration will be given to:

- a) lasting quality
- b) practicality
- c) cost of items proposed
- d) Australian made and owned where feasible.
- e) ethical companies if using offshore suppliers

Uniform items can be purchased online from Spartans Uniform Shop

<https://spartanss.com.au/collections/billanook-primary-school>

Billanook Primary School has a pre-loved uniform shop at the school, which is managed by volunteer parents. This shop is open the first Tuesday of the month from 8:30-9:30am

Support for families experiencing difficulty

Please contact the Principal or office staff 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/>

Billanook Primary School also has uniforms available to families to borrow on request.

IMPLEMENTATION

Billanook Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website and through our parent information packs. We will

assist students who may be experiencing difficulties complying with this policy where possible.

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 Assistant 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.

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

Billanook 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's Disputes Policy*, available on our school website.

Any recommendations for alterations/additions to the clothing list should be referred to the School Council.

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Billanook Primary School Sunsmart Policy
- Billanook Primary School Parent’s Disputes Policy
- Billanook 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](#).

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