



Billanook Primary School

DRESS CODE - STUDENT 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 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 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.

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:

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 on every personal belonging.

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)	Green poly viscose skorts
Rugby top with school logo	Green poly viscose shorts
Zip bomber jacket with school logo	Green poly viscose pants
Level 6 jacket	Green bootleg pants
	Green padded knee track pants
Shoes	Hats
Black school shoes or appropriate solid footwear.	Green bucket hat with school logo
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	
Sport	Hair/ Makeup
Billanook School singlet, house colour t-shirt, 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	Only watches, plain ear-studs or sleepers may be worn as jewellery.
Plain ankle sport socks in bottle green, white, red or black	
Green tights	
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.

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, colourful nail polish
- extreme hairstyles (unnatural colours)
- Coloured zinc cream
- Bike pants (unless under school dress)

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.
- Studs, sleepers and watches are the only acceptable jewellery

Health and Safety

It is strongly recommended that shoulder length or longer hair is to be tied back to help restrict the spread of lice and for student safety.

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.

Jewellery, nails, hair accessories and similar items that interfere with students' ability to engage with school activities safely and fully are not permitted.

Students who wear braids or locs may wear them loose, except for where hair should be tied back for safety purposes.

School uniform hats must be worn outside from mid-August to 30 April and on any other day prescribed by the school (such as sports days). School uniform hats may also be worn outside of this time period, by parent or student choice.

Hats are not to be worn inside.

PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS

Uniform items can be purchased from Spartan School World from a variety of locations, or parents may order it directly from their [website](#).

Billanook Primary School offers free second-hand uniform which is available in the drawers at the front office.

The School Council has considered affordability in the development of this dress code. However, if you are facing difficulty meeting uniform costs the [Help with school costs and fees](#) page provides advice on support offered by the Victorian Government. If your child is starting prep or year 7 and is

eligible to receive support via the [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund](#), you may be eligible to access the Affordable School Uniform (ASU) program.

Please contact the office to discuss support that we may be able to provide.

IMPLEMENTATION

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

Refer to the department's [Student Dress Code: Exemptions](#) guidance when completing this section.

We acknowledge that there might be instances where the enforcement of this dress code could impact students differently.

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 financial 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

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 Complaint Policy.

COMMUNICATION

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

- Available publicly on our school's website
- Reminders in our school newsletter as needed
- Discussed in student forums
- Linked in staff handbook/manual
- Discussed at staff briefings/meetings as required
- Included in transition and enrolment packs
- Discussed at parent information nights/sessions as needed
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Billanook Primary School Sunsmart Policy
- Billanook Primary School Parent Complaint 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.](#)

REVIEW CYCLE AND EVALUATION

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