



STUDENT DRESS CODE POLICY

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Brookside P-9 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 Brookside P-9 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 Brookside P-9 College'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.

UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE

The full list of Brookside P-9 College's compulsory school uniform items are available at Appendix A to this policy.

General appearance

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, Brookside P-9 College students should comply with the following:

- Uniforms should be clean and in good repair
- Uniforms should 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. E.g. no leggings under dresses/skirts.

Jewellery and Nails

Students are not permitted to wear visible decorative jewellery to school. Medical alert bracelets are exempt. Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, and watches, are acceptable items of jewellery.

Only clear nail polish is permitted, no acrylic nails.

Hair and Sun safety

Shoulder length or longer hair should be tied back to help restrict the spread of nits and lice and for student safety. Natural hair colour only – natural highlights acceptable, no block colours allowed.

School uniform hats must be worn by P-6 students when outside in Term 1 and Term 4.

It is recommended that students in Years 7-9 wear a hat when outside in Term 1 and Term 4.

Hats are not to be worn inside.

Students are permitted to wear sunglasses during outdoor activities.

PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS

Uniform items can be purchased from Dobsons at 12 Panamax Road, Ravenhall or ordered directly online at <https://dobsons.com.au/>

Support for families experiencing difficulty

Please contact the Principal or the Wellbeing Team to discuss support that we may be able to provide to families experiencing difficulties 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

Brookside P-9 College 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.

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, parents will be notified by the classroom teacher or school leader. If non-compliance with

the dress code becomes a continued occurrence, the school will continue to work with the student and family to support compliance.

Measures taken by Brookside P-9 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 in writing 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, with supporting medical documentation

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

Brookside P-9 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 our school website <https://brooksidecollege.vic.edu.au/>

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Brookside P-9 College [Sunsmart Policy](#)
- Brookside P-9 College [Parent Complaint Policy](#)
- Brookside P-9 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

This Student Dress Code was last approved by School Council August 2020 and is scheduled for review August 2021.

APPENDIX A: BROOKSIDE P-9 COLLEGE UNIFORM ITEMS

PRIMARY

The following items may be worn in P-6 all year round:

- **Windcheater/Jumper**
Navy blue windcheater with school logo
Woollen jumper with school logo
- **Sports Polo Shirt**
Navy blue short sleeved with school logo
- **Shirt**
Blue long sleeved shirt with school logo (to be worn with tunic only)
- **Pants**
Navy blue track pants
- **Shorts/Skort**
Navy blue shorts
Navy blue skort
- **Dress/Tunic**
Dress with college green piping
Tunic with college plaid
- **Headwear**
Navy blue broad brim hat are compulsory for P-6 in Term 1 and Term 4
Navy blue beanie
- **Socks**
White, Navy or Grey socks
- **Footwear**
Black school shoes or black runners are permitted except for PE days where any colour runners are acceptable.
- **School Jacket**
Navy blue fleece lined jacket with school logo

Headwear

Navy blue, green or white head bands, hair ribbons, “scrunchies” or headwear worn as part of cultural/religious beliefs. Elastic Bands used to tie up hair may be worn in any colour.

SECONDARY

The following items may be worn in Year 7-9 all year round:

Academic Uniform:

- **Pullover**
Woollen pullover with school logo
- **Shirt**
Blue long sleeved shirt with school logo
Blue short sleeved shirt with school logo

- **Pants/Shorts**
Dark grey trousers
Dark grey shorts
- **Dress/Skirt**
Dress with college green piping
Skirt with college plaid
- **Socks**
White, Navy or Grey socks
- **Tights**
Navy blue or nude tights
- **Footwear**
Black leather look school shoes only are permitted except for PE practical day where any colour runners are acceptable.
- **School Jacket**
Navy blue fleece lined jacket with school logo

Headwear

Navy blue, green or white head bands, hair ribbons, “scrunchies” or headwear worn as part of cultural/religious beliefs. Elastic Bands used to tie up hair may be worn in any colour.

Sports Uniform Year 7-9

Only to be worn on designated PE practical day, academic uniform all other days of the week.

- Navy blue sports polo shirt with school logo
- Navy blue shorts
- Navy blue track pant