



Brookside College – Uniform Policy

Rationale

Through the authority of the College Council, Brookside College has a uniform dress code that applies to all students. The purpose of the Brookside College uniform dress code is to;

- promote a sense of identity and pride in the College
- support cohesion and good order in the school
- allow all students to feel equal
- prevent bullying and competition on the basis of clothing
- ensure students' appearance reflects the expectations of their school community
- enhance the profile and identity of the school and its students within the wider community
- strengthen the spirit of community within the school
- enhance individual student safety and group security
- ensure all students are dressed safely and appropriately for school activities
- encourage students to develop pride in their appearance
- prepare students for the expectations of workplaces
- encourage students to present themselves appropriately for a particular role.

Implementation

The Brookside College uniform dress code;

- has been developed in consultation with students, parents and the College Council
- is frequently communicated to the College community
- is compatible with state and federal human rights and anti-discrimination legislation
- is respectful of the cultural norms and values of the Brookside community including the College's commitment to Respectful Relationships
- takes into account health and safety issues and allows students to safely engage in the variety of College activities
- recognises the financial implications for families and assists families having difficulties with uniform costs
- applies during school hours, while travelling to and from the College and when students are engaged in College activities out of College hours
- is managed within the Department of Education and Training Guidelines, relevant statutory and regulatory frameworks, the College's Student Engagement Policy and Student Code of Conduct
- allows for parents to apply for exemptions due to cultural beliefs, student disability, health condition or economic hardship

Requirements

All students

- the Brookside College uniform is to be worn with pride and in keeping with the College values
- the Brookside College uniform must be worn in a manner consistent with Occupational Health and Safety standards
- the Brookside College uniform must be worn in a manner consistent with the wellbeing of the wearer and members of the College community

- natural hair colour only – natural highlights acceptable, no block colours allowed
- hair styles must be appropriate for College activities and meet Occupational Health and Safety standards, and are at the discretion of the Principal
- elastic hair bands in College or natural colours are recommended for long hair
- jewellery limited to a watch and ear studs or sleepers, other visible piercings to be covered
- hair accessories, scarves and head scarves must be navy, black or white
- socks must be white, navy or grey and devoid of logos
- no leggings to be worn under school summer dress
- clear nail polish only
- cosmetic/acrylic nails not permitted

Primary Years

- enclosed black leather school shoes or black runners
- Sports/Academic Uniform as per Brookside College Transition Schedule (see attached)
- Sun Smart hats to be worn for all outdoor activity during Terms One and Four, recommended at other times

Secondary Years

- enclosed black leather shoes suitable for general activity and labelled as ‘school shoes’ (See attached)
- skirts and dresses are to be an appropriate length
- students may wear the College sports uniform for all lessons on the day of PE classes and sport activities (student are not permitted to wear the College Sports Uniform on days when they are not engaged in PE/Sport classes or representing the College in Sport)
- College hats recommended for all outdoor activity during Terms One and Four

Uniform supply:

New uniforms are purchased from Dobson’s 12 Panamax Road, Ravenhall (Opposite Bunnings, behind Office works).

Evaluation:

This policy will be reviewed as part of the College’s three year review cycle.

Last reviewed May, 2018

Brookside College Uniform Transition Schedule

	Primary Years	Secondary Years
2018	Sport/Academic Uniform	Academic Uniform
2019	Sport/Academic Uniform	Academic Uniform
2020	Sport/Academic Uniform	Academic Uniform
2021	Sport Uniform	Academic Uniform