BORONIA HEIGHTS STATE SCHOOL

STUDENT DRESS CODE



INTRODUCTION

Boronia Heights State School is committed to providing a safe, inclusive, and supportive learning environment. In accordance with Section 360 of the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006 (Qld) and the Queensland Department of Education Student Dress Code Procedure, this policy establishes the standards for student dress and personal presentation while attending or representing the school.

The purpose of this dress code is to:

- Promote a sense of identity and pride in the school community.
- Strengthen school cohesion and mutual respect among students.
- Enhance student safety, health, and wellbeing.
- Prepare students for expectations in workplaces and the wider community.

This policy has been developed in consultation with the school community, including staff, students, and the parents and reflects community standards and legislative requirements.

COMPLIANCE WITH EDUCATION QUEENSLAND GUIDELINES

This policy complies with the Queensland Department of Education Student Dress Code Procedure and relevant legislation, including:

- Education (General Provisions) Act 2006 (Qld)
- Anti-Discrimination Act 1991 (Qld)
- Disability Standards for Education 2005
- Human Rights Act 2019 (Qld)

In line with these requirements, the Boronia Heights State School Student Dress Code:

- Is consistent with health and safety considerations, including sun safety.
- Provides uniform options for all students, regardless of gender.
- Includes processes for reasonable adjustments or exemptions for individual students based on cultural, religious, or medical needs.
- Is published on the school's website and available for inspection at the Administration Office.
- Outlines strategies for managing non-compliance that prioritize student wellbeing.

POLICY STATEMENT

All students are required to wear the approved school uniform with pride. The uniform:

- Promotes a sense of identity and belonging.
- Minimizes visible evidence of economic, class, or social differences.
- Meets current sun safety requirements.

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Ensures students are easily identifiable as Boronia Heights State School students.

The wearing of the full school uniform is always compulsory for all students from Prep to Year 6 unless otherwise advised.

UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

- Boronia Heights State School polo shirt with school logo (royal blue, red and white).
- Royal blue shorts, skort or netball skirt (bike pants/skins must be worn under shorts and not visible).
- Royal blue wide-brimmed or bucket hat with embroidered school logo (Prep students wear a red-brimmed hat).
- Closed-in joggers or leather shoes with white socks.
- Royal blue long pants.
- Boronia Heights State School long sleeve polo shirt with school logo (royal blue, red and white).
- Royal blue jumper or jacket or Boronia Heights State School jacket with school logo.
- Undergarments for warmth must not be visible; long-sleeved skivvies are not permitted under short-sleeved polos.
- Year 6 only commemorative short sleeve polo shirt (royal blue, red and white).
 - On Sports Day students may wear a non-uniform shirt in their house colour.



Cultural or religious requirements will be considered and negotiated with school administration.

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JEWELLERY

Minimal Jewellery is permitted for safety reasons. Acceptable items include:

- A wristwatch.
- Small stud or sleeper earrings.
- Medic Alert bracelet.

No other Jewellery is allowed. Facial or body piercings are not permitted.

HAIR

Hair shoulder-length or longer must be tied back, regardless of gender. Hair dye must be a natural colour close to the student's actual hair colour. Extreme hairstyles and obvious use of hair products are discouraged. Hair accessories must be in school colours (royal blue, red and white). Coloured hair is not permitted, including on Sports Day.

BODY ART

Coloured nail polish, nail art, make-up, or fake tattoos are not permitted. Permanent tattoos are illegal for anyone under 18 years of age.

AUTHORITY

Only the Principal may approve variations to this policy. Failure to comply will result in follow-up actions as outlined below. Parents/carers are responsible for providing and maintaining the uniform and ensuring all items are clearly named.

UNIFORM BREACH FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS

Class teachers will conduct uniform checks daily. Actions for breaches include:

- Jewellery Breach: Teacher will ask the student to remove the item and will keep it until the end of the day.
- Clothing Breach: If the issue cannot be immediately rectified, the student will be reminded of the policy requirements.
- Hat Breach: Student will be directed to play in designated hat-free areas (e.g., Library, Computer Lab, Games Room).
- Repeated Breaches: Teacher will notify the Deputy Principal, who will contact parents/carers. An electronic record will be kept. Further breaches will be managed under the Boronia Heights State School Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students.

In cases where a parent/carer provides a note explaining the breach, no follow-up action will apply.

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