



**BURROWES STATE SCHOOL**

# **STUDENT UNIFORM AND DRESS POLICY**

Pride @ Burrowes

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*Freedom to Learn*

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## Uniform and Dress Policy

At Burrowes State School we promote Pride @ Burrowes. Pride in our presentation, which includes wearing our school uniform. To promote a positive image in the community all students are expected to follow the School Dress Code.

The wearing of our school uniform provides a more egalitarian atmosphere for children to work within, reducing the incidence of bullying related to clothing. In addition, it supports our Workplace Health and Safety policy by making our students readily identifiable both within the school grounds and outside on school excursions. It also strengthens the community perception of our school as a quality school, in that our students appear smartly dressed and well presented.

Following of the Dress Code is supported by the school staff and P & C Association. Students are expected to be in the correct school uniform every day.

### Dress Code:

1. Wearing of the full school uniform is expected. **The preferred footwear is fully enclosed black shoes and broad-brimmed or school bucket hats.**
2. Play is not permitted without appropriate footwear and a broad brimmed or school bucket hat. *No hat no play. To ensure sun safety students without a hat will be required to sit in undercover areas and not take part in any play during breaks.*
3. The wearing of jewellery is to be kept to a minimum. One sleeper or stud in each ear and wrist watches (excluding smart watches) are permissible. Jewellery of medical, cultural or religious importance may be worn (if deemed safe for school environment) if a note of explanation has been received by the school and the Principal has given approval. Necklaces must be worn inside the shirt in these instances.
4. Nail polish is not to be worn.
5. For boys and girls, hair should be neat. Inappropriate hair colouring or styling is not acceptable. Hair of shoulder length or longer, must be tied back for boys and girls.
6. Use of aerosols is not permitted – deodorant should be roll on or push/pump spray.

### Dress Standards:

The school uniform is to be worn at all times. The sports uniform and dress uniform may be interchanged.

Sports uniform must be worn for interschool sports. Representative Sporting team shorts or uniforms are only to be worn for interschool and representative sports events.

The uniform must be worn modestly with shorts and skirts on the waist.

Boy's shorts must be above the knee.

**Joggers/shoes are preferably black lace ups** with black matching laces or velcro. No slip on shoes or boots.

Undershirts, if worn, must be plain black, white or royal blue.

Head wear for cultural or religious purposes, if worn, must be plain black, white or royal blue. Due to Australia being a hot country with the highest skin cancer rates in the world the school hat must be worn with any legitimate religious head wear.

**Uniform Requirements:**

Uniform	Boys	Girls
<b>Summer</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Preferred Footwear: Black Joggers/shoes</b> lace ups with black matching laces or Velcro.</li> <li>▪ White socks</li> <li>▪ 100% Black shorts</li> <li>▪ School polo or formal shirt</li> <li>▪ School bucket hat</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Preferred Footwear: Black Joggers/shoes;</b> lace ups with black matching laces, Velcro or buckles</li> <li>▪ White socks</li> <li>▪ 100% Black shorts or skorts</li> <li>▪ School polo or formal dress</li> <li>▪ School bucket hat</li> </ul>
<b>Winter</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Preferred Footwear: Black Joggers/shoes</b> lace ups with black matching laces or Velcro</li> <li>▪ White socks</li> <li>▪ Black shorts or black tracksuit pants or long black dress pants</li> <li>▪ School polo or formal shirt</li> <li>▪ School Royal blue and black logo jacket or jumper</li> <li>▪ School bucket hat</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Preferred Footwear: Black Joggers/shoes;</b> lace ups with black matching laces, Velcro or buckles</li> <li>▪ White socks</li> <li>▪ Black shorts or black tracksuit pants or long black dress pants</li> <li>▪ If black tights are worn they must be under formal dress or Black skorts or shorts</li> <li>▪ School polo or formal dress</li> <li>▪ School Royal blue and black logo jacket or jumper</li> <li>▪ School bucket hat</li> </ul>

**Items not permitted:**

- Clothing with offensive slogans, inappropriate footwear such as thongs and sandals, jeans, jackets, boots above the ankle, long socks, leggings and tights by themselves, singlets, mid-riff tops, coloured bandanas, netball skirts, other skirts. Cargo shorts and hoodies are not permitted.
- Nail polish is not to be worn.
- Use of aerosols is not permitted. However, older students may use roll on deodorant if desired.
- Make up is not permitted.
- No visible rub on/temporary tattoos or stickers are to be worn.
- Charity wrist bands may be worn for school supported events for the period determined by the school.

**Jewellery:**

We discourage the wearing of all jewellery to school because of the risks of injury. We acknowledge issues of personal significance however, in permitting children to wear only the following:

- One pair of small plain sleepers/stud earrings – no stones/bling, hanging ornaments, dice etc. No other visible piercing is permitted (for example but not limited to): *eyebrow, nose, tongue, stomach,*
- Watch,
- Medical Bracelet
- Religious/cultural items under the conditions listed earlier.

No responsibility is taken for any of these items worn or brought to school. Any other items requires the approval in writing from the principal.

**Hair:**

Hair should be neat and tidy and well groomed. Hair of shoulder length or longer must be tied back for both girls and boys. Head/hair bands should be in plain school colours. No extreme, flamboyant or unusual styles of contrasting colours are accepted. (for example, but not limited to): *mowhawks, dreadlocks, tracks, florescent fudge, brightly coloured hair, rat's tails.*

Hair should be tied back and away from faces.

Hair ties should be consistent with school colours eg. Royal blue, white or black.

**Prep Students:**

All uniform and dress policies for Prep are identical to the rest of the school.

**Year 6 Senior Shirt:**

Year 6 students have a variation on the standard uniform shirt. This is an official shirt sold through the uniform shop and has the word senior written on the back and front.

**Purchasing of uniforms:** (This section is still to be completed by P&C)

Uniform shop opening times will be advertised routinely in newsletter, front office and website.

**Burrowes State School UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS**

The School Parents' and Citizens Association has decided that Burrowes State School will be a *uniform school*. This decision has been made to present and maintain a high standard of image of our school within school and local community, to make any strangers onto our site easily identifiable, to make our students easily recognised when on external excursions, and to promote a school pride and identity amongst our students and school community. The standards and expectations of this Uniform Policy will also be supported by the school Behaviour Management Policy and curriculum delivery.

Parents and students will be made aware of the uniform expectation upon enrolment and reminded again formally at the commencement of each year.

It is expected that all students will wear the correct uniform and abide by the school Uniform Policy at all times including to and from school.

Students who choose not to abide by the Uniform Policy can expect a consequence as a result of their refusal to follow school rules. The consequences may be influenced by:

- The age of the student,
- Frequency of the rule breeches
- Student history, and/or
- Other mitigating circumstances.

Possible consequences may include (and are not limited to) one or more of the following:

- Directed to remove jewellery/make up etc
- Suspension from optional activities when uniform is not correct – such as Class excursions, interschool sport etc.
- No hat no play in the playground during break times – students without school hats will sit under a covered area and not be allowed to engage in games during break times
- Note home to parents reminding of uniform expectations
- Restricted Play Session (after warnings given and parent notified) • Given second hand/spare clothes to change into
- Class reprimand.
- Child removed from classroom/playground and general student body
- Child sent home to change
- Suspension from school (for continual refusal to follow school rules)

Students are not permitted to wear an item that may constitute offence or distress to another student or staff member.

If for any reason the correct uniform cannot be worn, a note is required from the parent/caregiver to the classroom teacher explaining the circumstance. In this instance time will be given to allow new/replacement items to be obtained with the school expectation being that this will happen as soon as possible. (In most cases a week's latitude will be allowed).

In instances where a student is not wearing the correct uniform – the following note will be sent home to advise the parent/caregiver of the concern and allow a chance for the problem to be rectified before the student is issued with a consequence.

### **Burrowes State School – Uniform Reminder**

To Parent Caregiver of \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to advise that your child was in breach of our school Uniform Policy today.

Specifically they \_\_\_\_\_

As you have been made aware, Burrowes SS is a uniform school and the expectation is that all students will be in correct uniform every day.

We appreciate your support in helping us maintain our uniform standards and policy and invite you to please contact the office or P&C if you are experiencing any difficulty with this.

Students who refuse to follow school rules may find themselves subject to consequences under the school's Student Code of Conduct.

Thank you  
School Principal and  
BSS P& C Association

### **Free Dress Day Policy**

1. Free Dress Days are school days and learning programs are expected to proceed as normal. On occasions where alternative programs are implemented in conjunction with free dress days, personal presentation standards and Student Code of Conduct will remain the guiding principles.
2. The main purpose of student free dress days is to support Student Council fund raising activities in a manner that demonstrates responsible student behaviour.
3. Please note while the regular uniform is not worn on these days, the essence of BSS Uniform Policy must still be adhered to as outlined in the following details:
  - All footwear is to be closed in. High platform shoes and thongs are not suitable footwear.
  - Normal jewellery and make-up rules apply.
  - No item of clothing that promotes, advertises or illustrates references to dangerous and/or illegal substances is to be worn.
  - No pictures of offensive language (including swearing and discriminatory words or phrases) are to appear on any items of clothing.
  - Items of clothing are to be sober in nature and appropriately modest. Tops need to be sleeved, to comply with Sunsmart School rules. Skirts, shorts and similar items must be of modest length, not too tight and not so low on the hips as to show any skin. No singlet tops to be worn.
  - Items of clothing should be in good repair and properly laundered. Clothing is not to display designer holes.
  - Underwear is not to be worn as outer wear.
  - Free dress does not mean a competition, nor is it an excuse for a fashion parade.
4. If you are in any doubt as to whether an item of clothing you intend to wear will be deemed acceptable, it is probably better to choose something else.
5. Parents will be contacted and asked to bring different clothing for students whose clothing is unacceptable or inappropriate, or the students will be referred to the Office where the consequences of our Uniform Policy may be implemented.