

Student Dress Code

Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact Bellbridge Primary School.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Bellbridge 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 Bellbridge 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:

- promote a sense of identity and pride, 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
- prepare students for the expectations of secondary school and workplaces
- encourage students to present themselves appropriately for a particular role.

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

General appearance

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, students must comply with the following:

- Uniforms must 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, provided these undergarments are completely hidden or match the colour of the clothing above it
- Studs, sleepers and watches are the only acceptable jewellery
- Any make up or nail polish must be neutral tones only

Health and safety

Students with shoulder length or longer hair are encouraged to tie back their hair to help restrict the spread of lice and for student safety.

Shoulder length or longer hair is to be tied back for student safety in technology subjects.

Jewellery, nails, hair accessories, hat cords 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 applied technology classes where hair should be tied back for safety purposes.

School uniform hats must be worn outside during Terms 1 & 4 and on any other day prescribed by the school. School uniform hats may also be worn outside of this time period, by parent or student choice.

Hats are not to be worn inside.

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.

PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS

Uniform items can be purchased from the Noone's uniform shop located at 54 Old Geelong Rd, Hoppers Crossing VIC 3029. Permitted non-branded uniform items can also be purchased from department stores like Target, Kmart, Best and Less and Big W.

Bellbridge Primary School volunteers also operate a second-hand uniform store for parents/carers. This is open onsite in our rewards shop the first Friday of each month. For further information, please call our office on 03 9749 6161.

The School Council has consulted with the school community and worked to ensure the student uniform is affordable. 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 program through [State Schools' Relief](#).

Please contact our Finance Manager on 03 9749 6161 to discuss support that we may be able to provide.

IMPLEMENTATION

Bellbridge Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code and uniform item list is communicated to all families and students through our website and within our administration building. 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, communication to parents/carers by the classroom teacher will occur. If non-compliance with the student dress code becomes a continued occurrence, the school leadership team will be informed. In this event, the school will continue to work with the student and family to support compliance.

Measures taken by Bellbridge 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 and our Minor and Major behaviour processes.

2025/6 Updated uniform

Implementation of the new school uniform items will be required before the start of the 2029 school year. The new uniform will be available for new Prep students from the end of November 2025, and available for all students from January 2026 at Noone's, Hoppers Crossing store.

Old uniform items include the red Bellbridge Windcheater and red Bellbridge Bomber Jacket. New uniform items will be displayed in the administration building from the end of 2025. All families are welcome to view and ask questions when visiting.

EXEMPTIONS TO STUDENT DRESS CODE

We acknowledge that the enforcement of this Student Dress Code may 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 the code:
 - prevents students from being able to attend school or participate in school activities on the same terms as other students because of the [personal characteristics referred to in human rights and anti-discrimination requirements](#)
 - offends a religious belief held by the student or parents/carers

- o prevents students from complying with a requirement of their religious, ethnic or cultural background
- the student has a particular disability or health condition that requires a departure from the dress code
- the student or the parents/carers can demonstrate 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/carer
- guarantee that issues of a personal nature revealed to substantiate the request will be strictly confidential
- 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, including providing advice about support with meeting uniform costs. If an exemption is not allowed, then written reasons will be provided to the student and/or their parents/carers.

CONCERNS ABOUT THIS STUDENT DRESS CODE

Bellbridge 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 *Complaint Policy*, available via our school website. <https://www.bellbridgeps.vic.edu.au/policies-and-forms.html>

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
- discussed in student forums
- included in staff handbook/manual
- discussed at staff briefings/meetings as required
- included in transition and enrolment packs
- discussed at parent information nights/sessions
- hard copy available from school administration upon request.

Views on our student dress code have been invited from the whole school community including:

- parent/carers
- teachers and other school staff
- students
- Noone's management

The school community consultation invited feedback about uniform cost and affordability. This feedback has been recorded, carefully considered and incorporated into the student dress code policy where appropriate.

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Bellbridge Primary School Sun Protection Policy
- Bellbridge Primary School Complaint Policy
- Bellbridge Primary School Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy
- Bellbridge Primary School Inclusion and Diversity Policy
- Department of Education [Student Dress Code](#)
- Department of Education [Student Engagement](#)

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

For future reviews of this Student Dress Code, we will consult with our school community through the following mechanisms:

- letters, emails and social media messages to parents/carers
- surveys
- information in newsletters
- School Council
- student meetings
- focus groups

The community will be given advance notice of the consultation process and timelines. The consultation will be open for at least 2 weeks.

Policy last reviewed	17th November, 2025
Approved by	School Council
Next scheduled review date	2029

APPENDIX A: Bellbridge Primary School UNIFORM ITEMS

- Students can wear any uniform item regardless of season.
- Approved commemorative uniform items such as the year 6 top are accepted as part of the uniform.

COMPLUSORY UNIFORM ITEMS

Pale blue short or long sleeve polos with school logo* (images below)

Plain navy blue shorts, track pants or skort without decoration or retail brand name* (images below)

Navy with red collar jumper with school logo* (image below)

Navy and white checked dress or navy tunic* (images below)

Navy bucket shape, legionnaire's hat or broad brim. in terms 1 and 4* (images below)

Navy or white socks without logos

Navy tights



OPTIONAL UNIFORM ITEMS

Navy soft shell jacket with school logo* (image below)
Navy vest with or without school logo* (image below)
Navy backpack with school logo* (image below)
Navy beanie with or without school logo* (image below)
Navy gloves or navy scarf* (image below)
Navy blue or white head bands, hair ribbons, "scrunchies"*
Headwear worn as part of cultural/religious beliefs
The school will provide the option of "School leavers" tops for Grade 6 children



FOOTWEAR

Appropriate footwear is to be worn
No thongs, Crocs or open-toed sandals are permitted.

CUSTOMISED UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

Hoods as part of any clothing are not to be worn on school grounds
Shoulders are to be covered at all times
Navy blue bike shorts or leggings may only be worn under school dresses or skirts
Comfortable, loose fitting plain navy shorts or skort must be to mid-thigh length without decoration or retail brand name (bike shorts are not acceptable).
Navy athletics tights with mid-thigh length can be worn when competing during sports events.
School designed extracurricular clothing to represent teams.

*These items are available from Noone's, Hoppers Crossing. Items without the school branding can also be purchased from other retailers.

UNIFORM SUPPLIER DETAILS

Noone's

54 Old Geelong Road , Hoppers Crossing Vic 3029 , (adjacent to Spotlight)

Contact Details

Phone: 9749 0543

Email: hoppersc@noone.com.au

<https://www.noone.com.au/school/bellbridge-primary-school>

Trading Hours

Monday to Friday 9.00am – 5.00pm

Saturday 9.00am – 1.00pm

Sunday and Public Holidays CLOSED