

School Uniform Policy

PURPOSE

The BHCS Uniform policy has been developed in collaboration with the BHCS School Council. It is expected that all students, parents and staff work in co-operation with one another in relation to this policy. The School has a designated uniform to ensure the following:-

- To provide a safer environment within the School through easy identification of its students
- To assist individual student's safety during school excursions and external activities
- To ensure for a consistency of appearance for all students
- To enhance the overall appearance of students
- To promote equality among students

EXEMPTIONS

- Should there be medical reasons for why a student cannot wear a particular item of uniform, families are required to provide a note specifying the reason for and duration of the requested exemption. Dependent on the item, appropriate clothing in school colours must still be worn.
- Requests for exemption are referred to the Deputy Principal and the School's Leadership Team for approval. A note will be placed on the child's record detailing the reason for the exemption.

UNIFORM

Unless otherwise indicated all items of uniform are to be purchased through the School's designated uniform supplier.

Name of Policy: BHCS School Uniform Policy Responsibility for Implementation: Principal/Deputy Principal Date implemented: April, 2016 Last updated: March, 2017 Next Review Date: March, 2018
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Junior School Girls (Prep – Year 4)

Item	Terms 1 & 4	Terms 2 & 3
Formal uniform	Striped summer dress to the knee	Tartan tunic to the knee and white long-sleeve blouse with peter pan collar and School logo
	Bucket hat with School logo (for outdoors)	
	Plain white school crew socks* or White socks with School logo	Black tights
	Black knit jumper with School logo	Black knit jumper with School logo
	Black school shoes – lace up, Velcro or buckles	Black school shoes – lace up, Velcro or buckles
Optional wear	Short sleeve black and green polo with School logo	Short sleeve black and green polo with School logo
	Grey school shorts with School logo	Grey school pants with School logo
Sports Uniform	Short sleeve black and green polo with School logo	Short sleeve black and green polo with School logo
	Black sports shorts with School logo	Black tracksuit pants with School logo
	Fleece pullover with School logo	Fleece pullover with School logo
	Plain white sports socks* or Sports socks with School logo	Plain white sports socks* or Sports socks with School logo
	Runners*	Runners*

*These items may be purchased at any supplier

Junior School Boys (Prep – Year 4)

Item	Terms 1 & 4	Terms 2 & 3
Formal uniform	Short sleeve black and green polo with School logo	Short sleeve black and green polo with School logo or
	Bucket hat with School logo (for outdoors)	White long sleeve shirt with School logo
	Plain grey crew socks* or Grey socks with School logo	Plain grey crew socks* or Grey socks with School logo
	Grey school shorts with School logo	Grey school pants with School logo
	Black knit jumper with School logo	Black knit jumper with School logo
Optional wear		Black school shoes – lace up, Velcro
		Black school shoes – lace up, Velcro
Sports Uniform		White long sleeve skivvy* can be worn under the polo for warmth in winter. (Skivvy is not to be worn without the polo)
	Short sleeve black and green polo with School logo	Short sleeve black and green polo with School logo
	Black sports shorts with School logo	Black tracksuit pants with School logo or Black sports shorts with School logo
	Fleece pullover with School logo	Fleece pullover with School logo
	Plain white sports socks* or Sports socks with School logo	Plain white sports socks* or Sports socks with School logo
	Runners*	Runners*

*These items may be purchased at any supplier

Middle & Senior School Girls (Years 5-12)

Item	Terms 1 & 4	Terms 2 & 3
Formal uniform	Tartan skirt to the knee and White short sleeve blouse with School logo	Tartan skirt to the knee and White long sleeve blouse with School logo
	Cap with School logo (for outdoors)	
	White socks with School logo	Black tights or white socks with logo
	Black knit jumper with School logo	Black knit jumper with School logo
	Black school shoes – lace up, Velcro or buckles	Black school shoes – lace up, Velcro or buckles
Optional wear	Summer dress to the knee	Grey school pants with School logo and White long sleeve shirt
	Grey school pants with School logo and White short sleeve shirt	
Sports Uniform	Short sleeve black and green polo with School logo	Short sleeve black and green polo with School logo
	Black sports shorts with School logo	Black tracksuit pants with School logo or Black sports shorts with School logo
	Rugby Jersey with School logo	Rugby Jersey with School logo
	White sports socks with School logo	White sports socks with School logo
	Runners*	Runners*

*These items may be purchased at any supplier

Middle & Senior School Boys (Years 5-12)

Item	Terms 1 & 4	Terms 2 & 3
Formal uniform	White short sleeve shirt with logo and Grey school shorts with School logo	White long sleeve shirt with logo and Grey School pants with School logo
	Grey socks with School logo	Grey socks with School logo
	Cap with School logo (for outdoors)	Tie with School logo
	Black knit jumper with School logo	Black knit jumper with School logo
	Black school shoes – lace up, Velcro	Black school shoes – lace up, Velcro
Optional wear	Grey school pants with School logo	Grey school shorts with School logo
Sports Uniform	Short sleeve black and green polo with School logo	Short sleeve black and green polo with School logo
	Black sports shorts with School logo	Black tracksuit pants with School logo or Black sports shorts with School logo
	Rugby Jersey with School logo	Rugby Jersey with School logo
	White sports socks with School logo	White sports socks with School logo
	Runners*	Runners*

*These items may be purchased at any supplier

Additional Items – Junior/Middle/Senior

Item	Terms 1 & 4	Terms 2 & 3
Compulsory	BHCS School bag with School logo	BHCS School bag with School logo
Optional	BHCS Black Anorak with School logo (cannot be substituted for alternative jacket)	BHCS Black Anorak with School logo (cannot be substituted for alternative jacket)
Special order items	Year 6 Bomber Jackets*	Year 6 Bomber Jackets*
	Year 12 Hoodie*	Year 12 Hoodie*

Each student is expected to be dressed in the appropriate uniform with a neat and tidy appearance. Hair is to be groomed in a neat and appropriate manner.

Students must wear the correct uniform to school each day unless they have a note from their parent, explaining the reason. This note should be handed to Reception, where the student will be issued with a uniform pass for the required period. This pass should be carried with the student for its duration.

Sports uniform may only be worn on the days on which the student has sport or physical education. Children may travel to and from school in their sports uniform on these days.

As the seasons change, students will be informed of a change-over period during which they can wear either Summer or Winter uniform.

FORMAL UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

Students must wear their formal uniform when attending any of the following events:-

- Excursions
- Photo days
- Open Days
- Music and Drama Performances
- When representing the School at any other formal event

SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

Second hand uniforms can be sold via the Sustainable School Shop. A link to this can be found on the School's website.

NB: All uniform items, including shoes and socks should be clearly named. No responsibility will be taken for unnamed articles.

DRESS CODE

HAIR

The following extreme hair styles are not permitted:-

- Extreme bleached hair
- Two tone hair colours or extreme contrasts
- Hair colour not considered natural eg. Bright red, orange, blue etc.
- Punk
- Braids
- Dreadlocks (respecting cultural sensitivities)
- Half-shaved and overly spiked styles.

Parents are asked to monitor and support this policy and are encouraged to check with the school if unsure before allowing their child to make a significant change to their hair.

Hair colour: Junior School

The School Council has requested that **Junior School** students do not dye their hair.

Hair colour: Middle & Senior School

As members of Belgrave Heights Christian School, we should show respect to the Christian ethos of the school as well as allowing adolescents to express some individuality. In view of this, if families consent to **Middle or Senior School** students changing their hair colour, it should be in a **consistent, natural colour**, including natural highlights.

Students who do not adhere to this will be requested to re-dye their hair back to its natural colour. The school strongly encourages parents to check with the school, if they are unsure, as this will avoid unnecessary disappointment and/or issues later.

Hair length: Boys

The expectation is that boys only have shoulder length hair and that the student's hair remains neat in appearance and that it is off the face. Boys whose hair falls below the shoulder will be asked to have this cut.

Boys must also remain clean shaven whilst attending BHCS.

Hair length: Girls Junior School

In Junior School all students with long hair (below the shoulder) must have it tied back with hair ties.

Hair length: Girls Middle & Senior School

For girls, if hair length falls below the shoulder, the expectation is that the student's hair remains neat in appearance and that it is off the face. The School considers it an act of rudeness for hair to be covering the eyes. Students who do not comply with this will be asked to tie their hair back or to have their hair cut.

Hair & OH&S

Should a teacher consider it necessary for a Secondary student to tie back their hair to comply with OH&S requirements or the teacher considers it necessary for their subject, students will be required to comply with this request until the end of the class.

Hair accessories

Hair accessories must match uniforms. Hair accessories are restricted to:-

- Bottle green, black or white
- Plain single colour only

Hats

All students must wear hats in the following manner:-

- The correct prescribed hat for their year level
- Must be worn during recess and lunchtimes and at sporting events

Junior School students who fail to bring a hat to school during this time may be required to remain indoors within a supervised classroom setting and attend hat detention during lunch and will be limited to the undercover areas during recess. Sunscreen is advisable during warmer weather.

Middle and Senior School students without hats will be given a warning and will be instructed to move into the shade and will be requested to ensure they have their hat next time.

Jewellery & Piercings (including microdermal implants)

The following restrictions apply to jewellery and piercings:-

- Two sets of earrings **in the lobe only**
- Earrings are to be small plain silver gold or gemstone studs (non-decorative, no bigger than 7mm), sleepers or small single plain colour hoops. (Hoops are restricted to no bigger than 2cm)
- Stretchers are not permitted
- Piercings in the facial area or the tragus or cartilage of the ear are not permitted
- Piercings on arms, fingers, hands or legs or any normally visible part of the body are not permitted.
- Any chains worn must not be visible
- A single wrist watch is permissible

Any other items of jewellery such as bangles, bracelets, rings etc are not permitted. Students found wearing these will be asked to remove them.

Students will be asked to remove non-permissible piercings. Clear piercing jewellery is not acceptable if the piercing is in an area that is not permitted. Students will be asked to remove these.

If a student cannot remove the piercing in question, they will be requested to refrain from returning to school until such time as it has been removed.

Parents are asked to support the school with this policy. Uniform passes will not be issued for incorrectly wearing piercing jewellery.

Make-up

Students in Primary year levels are not allowed to wear any make-up.

Secondary students are permitted to wear a natural colour foundation and clear lip gloss or lip balm. Mascara and eyeliner are allowed on the provision that the overall look remains natural. Heavy eye-liner and the overuse of mascara will not be tolerated. Students found to be wearing excessive make-up or colours which do not fall into a more natural range will be asked to remove it. Coloured eye shadow, coloured lipstick or coloured lipgloss/balm or any type of glitter is not permitted.

Nails

The following restrictions apply to nails:-

- No coloured nail polish or fake nails
- No French nails, acrylics, SNS or gel nails

Students with coloured nail polish will be asked to remove it. Students with fake nails will also be asked to have these removed or risk being asked not to return to school until such time that this is done.

Middle and Senior School students may wear a clear nail polish.

Pants

Pants are to be worn around the waist. Care should be taken that the cuff areas are neat and not torn or ragged.

Skirts/Dresses

Dresses and skirts are to be worn at the appropriate length i.e. touching the knee when standing. Hems should not be hanging down.

Swimwear

Swimwear should be kept modest at all times. Full cover one piece bathers for girls are preferable. Should girls choose to wear a bikini, a T-shirt or tank top must be worn over the bikini at all times.

School Shoes

All students must be in black leather school shoes NOT black runners or casual shoes (eg. Vans or Globe shoes). For what's not considered acceptable, please go to <http://www.bhcs.vic.edu.au/uniforms.html> and select the uniform information regarding shoes.

Tattoos

The School does not permit visible tattoos.

Undergarments

Garments worn under shirts or dresses must not be visible. Students wearing visible undergarments (eg. Brightly coloured T-shirts, skivvies, hoodies, shorts under dresses) will be asked to render them invisible or remove them.