**Bell Park North Primary School
Student Dress Code**

**Help for non-English speakers**

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact Bell Park North Primary School Office on
5278 3548.

**Purpose**

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Bell Park North 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 Bell Park North 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
* assist with student safety and group security
* eliminate competitive dressing and unnecessary peer group pressure
* provide a neat and practical style of dress
* ensure new students are assimilated quickly.

**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**

1. The Bell Park North Primary School Dress Code shall apply to all students while they are at school, travelling to and from school and on all school related activities unless otherwise specified by the school.
2. The school uniform must be worn correctly, in accordance with this policy. Parents should purchase only the listed, approved items from our school approved supplier. Children who are not wearing school uniform or are wearing items of clothing that are not approved, will receive an ‘Out of Uniform’ note.
3. The approved uniform supplier will be Noone Imagewear (Bellarine Uniforms; 162 Moorabool Street Geelong)
4. Thongs, open-toe sandals, scuffs, ugg boots, gum boots and platform soles are not acceptable footwear. Shoes must be secured on children’s feet at all times.
5. The Principal or delegate shall be responsible for ensuring that clothing, jewellery, footwear, sunhats; etc meets appropriate standards in regard to student safety and overall student presentation and appearance, in line with this policy. This will include ensuring that dress is appropriate on casual dress days e.g. no singlet tops exposing shoulders, shorts and dresses not to be too short.
6. Parents/Guardians are responsible for ensuring their child/children are dressed in school uniform.
7. When a Parent/Guardian can demonstrate significant economic hardship that prevents him/her from complying with the dress code they can make application for special funds from the Principal.
8. SunSmart broad-brimmed sunhats in the school colour are to be worn outside at all times from 1st September-1st May each year. In order to comply with SunSmart regulations for the rest of the year, children should have their hats available; as they will be required to wear them when the UV levels are above 3, regardless of the month.
9. For safety reasons no jewellery is to be worn, with the exception of a watch, sleeper or stud earrings in the ear only. Children will be asked to remove excessive and/or unsafe jewellery with exception to religion.
10. Make up and coloured nail polish is not to be worn. A clear nail polish is acceptable.
11. Colouring of students’ hair is an acceptable practice as long as the colour is of a natural shade. In the event that hair is coloured an unacceptable shade then the parent/guardian will be called to collect the child and re-colour the hair to an acceptable colour.
12. Hairstyles of an extreme style are not acceptable. Examples of extreme hairstyles include shaved stripes, Mohawk or similar styles.
13. The Principal or the designated delegate will be responsible for determining acceptable standards in relation to hair colour and style.
14. All students’ hair, boys and girls, that is of shoulder length or longer must be tied back and off the face for health and safety reasons.
15. Hair bands and ribbons should be white, navy blue or royal blue. No large ornaments such as flowers and scarves are acceptable. Jojo bows are acceptable providing they are white, navy or royal blue.
16. Jackets and raincoats are to be worn only in outdoor areas, and need to be removed once the student enters the school building.
17. Long sleeve t-shirts are not to be worn under school polo shirts.
18. Tracksuit pants or leggings are not to be worn under dresses/kilts.
19. Tights are not to be worn with Summer dresses.
20. Sports knickers or bike shorts may be worn under summer dresses. They should not be visible when standing. Boxer shorts are not acceptable under dresses and should not be visible under boys’ shorts. Other underwear should not be visible at any time.
21. Any approved item of clothing may be worn at any time of the year regardless of whether it is on the ‘summer’ or ‘winter’ list.
22. All items of uniform, including bags and hats, must be clearly named with a permanent marker of iron labels.
23. All students are required to wear the approved School Uniform which is defined as: (See Appendix A)

**Purchase of uniforms**

Uniform items can be purchased directly from Noone Imagewear Geelong (162 Moorabool Street, Geelong) <https://www.noone.com.au/shop/retail>. Permitted non-branded uniform items can also be purchased from department stores.

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](https://www.vic.gov.au/help-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](https://www.vic.gov.au/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund), you may be eligible to access the Affordable School Uniform program through [State Schools' Relief](https://stateschoolsrelief.org.au/).

Please contact the principal to discuss support that we may be able to provide.

**support for families experiencing difficulty**

Please contact the Principal or Business Manager to discuss support that we may be able to provide to families experiencing difficulty meeting uniform costs, including information about eligibility for uniform support through State Schools’ Relief. Further information about the State Schools’ Relief is also available on their website: htps://www.ssr.net.au/

**Implementation**

Bell Park North Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code and uniform item list is communicated to all families and students through our website and school newsletter applicable. 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, a note will be provided to the student and parents/carers by the classroom teacher. If non-compliance with the student dress code becomes a continued occurrence, the principal will be informed and a phone call home may be required. In this event, the school will continue to work with the student and family to support compliance.

**EXEMPTIONS TO student dress code**

We recognise that there may be situations where the application of this dress code may affect students unequally.

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](https://www.humanrights.vic.gov.au/static/05d17cd2dab7e353b4d71d22a0aacc60/Resource-EOA_Quick_Guide-June_2022.pdf)
	+ offends a religious belief held by the student or parents/carers
	+ 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**

Bell Park North 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*.

**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
* included in transition and enrolment packs
* 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

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**

* Bell Park North Primary School Sun Protection Policy
* Bell Park North Primary School Complaint Policy
* Bell Park North Primary School Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy
* Bell Park North Primary School Inclusion and Diversity Policy
* Department of Education [Student Dress Code](https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/student-dress-code/policy)
* Department of Education [Student Engagement](https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/student-engagement/policy)

**POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

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

* information in newsletters

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

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| Policy last reviewed | August 2025 |
| Approved by | School Council |
| Next scheduled review date | August 2029 |

**APPENDIX A: BELL PARK NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM ITEMS**

***Any approved item of clothing may be worn at any time of the year regardless of whether it is on the ‘summer or winter list’.***

**SUMMER UNIFORM**

Item Description

Polo shirt-short sleeve Royal Blue/Navy with logo

Polo shirt-long sleeve Royal Blue/Navy with logo

Shorts Navy Blue (gabardine, elastic waist)

Trousers Navy Blue stubbies (gabardine, elastic waist)

Culottes Navy Blue

Skorts Navy Blue

School Dress Blue/White stripe

Socks White sport socks or anklets

Shoes Black school shoes or runners

Hat Royal Blue broad brimmed with logo

½ Zip windcheater Royal Blue/Navy with logo

Full Zip windcheater (bomber jacket) Royal blue/Navy with logo

**WINTER UNIFORM**

Item Description

Polo shirt-short sleeve Royal Blue/Navy with logo

Polo shirt-long sleeve Royal Blue/Navy with logo

Trousers Navy Blue stubbies (gabardine, elastic waist)

Track pants Navy Blue/reinforced knee/straight leg (no cuffs)

Kilt/Pinafore Navy/Royal Blue/White Check

Socks White sport socks or anklets

Shoes Black school shoes or runners

Hat Royal blue/navy with logo

½ Zip windcheater Royal blue/navy with logo

Full Zip windcheater (bomber jacket) Royal blue/navy with logo

Coat Navy, polar fleece lining with logo

**Footwear**

Appropriate footwear is to be worn including:

* Closed-toe sandals
* Black or brown school shoes
* Runners
* No thongs or open-toed sandals are permitted.

# Items without the school branding can also be purchased from other retailers.