

STUDENT DRESS CODE POLICY



Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy, please contact the general office on 5443 4522.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Bendigo South East College'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 Bendigo South East College'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:

- foster a sense of community and belonging and encourages students to develop pride in their appearance
- support Bendigo South East College's commitment to ensuring that our students feel equal and are dressed safely and appropriately for school activities
- reduce student competition based on clothing
- prepare students for the expectations of workplaces
- enhance the profile and identity of the school and its students within the wider community
- promote the school's reputation for excellence regarding behaviour, presentation and achievement.

The School Council has developed a dress code that provides a range of choices for students and is cost effective for families. Religious and culturally significant variations to uniform will be discussed with the student and caregiver.

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.

The full list of Bendigo South East College's compulsory school uniform items are available at Appendix A to this policy.

GENERAL APPEARANCE

Students are required to wear school uniform on all school days – including excursions, sports days and when representing the College.

When necessary, students will bring appropriate clothes for special events and change at the designated times. Parents will be informed about any day or occasion when uniform for the school, or a particular group, will not be required. Only uniform with the designated College logo is to be worn.

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, Bendigo South East College students must present in uniforms that are clean and in good repair.

JEWELLERY AND COSMETICS

All students are strongly encouraged to take pride in their personal grooming and presentation.

Students are not permitted to wear decorative jewellery to school. Studs and sleepers are the only acceptable jewellery to meet safety standards for school activities.

SUN SAFETY

School uniform hats must be worn outside in Terms 1 & 4. School uniform hats may also be worn outside of this period, by parent or student choice. As we are a secondary school, we expect students to take responsibility for being sun smart by wearing a school hat, during outdoor activities or staying in the shade, if they are not wearing sunscreen.

Hats and beanies are not to be worn inside.

Students are permitted to wear sunglasses during outdoor activities. Sunglasses should be close-fitting, wrap-around style 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 Noone, 21 Queen Street, Bendigo.

The Bendigo South East College website under the Community tab is where some second-hand uniforms are listed for sale.

Support for families experiencing difficulty

Please contact the Community Hub 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 State Schools' Relief is also available on their website: <https://www.ssr.net.au/>

Bendigo South East College also has uniforms available to families to borrow on request.

IMPLEMENTATION

Bendigo South East College will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website, in the Newsletter and upon New Student Induction and Transition into Year 7. We will assist students who may be experiencing difficulties complying with this policy where possible.

Students wearing non-compliant uniform items may be asked to change into a compliant item of clothing provided by the school.

If a student is out of school uniform or otherwise breaches the Student Dress Codes, a 'Ready to Learn' message will be provided to the student and parents by the teacher. If non-compliance with the dress code becomes a continued occurrence, the House Advisor 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.

- If out of uniform then the student must report to the Community Hub for replacement uniform items for that day only, before 9.00am. If not available, or not all parts of uniform are available (e.g. shoes) then a blue uniform pass is given to student to take to class. Uniform is to be returned at the end of the lesson or day.
- If out of uniform (even with a note – not relating to illness or injury), then as above.
- If out of uniform without a note, then student is recorded as Not Ready to Learn. The normal process for Ready to Learn will then be followed. (Only excuse for not participating in PE is with a note that explains illness or injury that is signed by parent/guardian or a phone call by parent/guardian to the College explaining the same. An illness/injury note should be given to the PE staff member. Appropriate duties will be issued.)
- Out of Uniform Days – as PE uniform is part of the lesson requirements for class then students are to still bring full uniform for PE classes. Even if students' 'out of uniform is appropriate then that is not acceptable. Students must be ready to learn and able to organise their in-class material (PE change) on out of uniform days. Students without PE Uniform will be recorded as Not Ready to Learn on the student's dashboard.
- Swimming – Any student who does not bring correct attire for swimming will be recorded as Not Ready to Learn on the student's dashboard. They will remain with the group and walk to and from the Pool. Replacement swimwear is not available due to health regulations regarding swimwear.

Measures taken by Bendigo South East College 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.

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 this code prevents the student from complying with a requirement of their religious, ethnic or cultural beliefs or background
- the student has a particular disability or health condition that requires a departure from 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/carers
- encourage the student and/or their parents/carers to support their application with evidence.

The Principal will then try to negotiate a resolution that is acceptable to all parties. If an exemption is not allowed, then written reasons will be provided to the student and/or their parents or carers.

CONCERNS ABOUT THIS STUDENT DRESS CODE

Bendigo South East College 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 *Parent Complaint Policy*, available <https://www.bse.vic.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/Complaints-Policy.pdf>.

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
- 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
- Meet requirements relating to uniform supply arrangements
- Meet religious and cultural requirements
- Comply with our Sun & UV Protection Policy

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- [Sun and UV Protection Policy](#)
- [Duty of care](#)
- [Sun & UV Protection](#)
- [State Schools' Relief](#)

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Policy last reviewed	June 2022
Consultation	Staff, Students, Parents
Approved by	School Council
Next scheduled review date	June 2025

APPENDIX A: BENDIGO SOUTH EAST COLLEGE UNIFORM ITEMS

BSE UNIFORM

To be worn as intended:

i.e. Rugby top/jumper over top of shirt and covering any undershirt

- Trousers - navy blue with embroidered logo
- Shorts - navy blue with embroidered logo
- Dress – Lenaren blue and white inverted pleat, action back bias tab, with embroidered logo
- Lenaren blue check school skirt or navy pants with embroidered logo
- With skirt or dress – during Term 2 & 3 navy blue tights with navy blue socks underneath (may be worn) or plain white or black socks at all other times.
- BSE royal blue polo top with embroidered logo
- BSE royal blue woollen school jumper or royal blue windcheater or rugby top
- BSE jacket
- Year 10 BSE jacket (Year 10 only)
- Plain royal blue, white or black undershirt (to be worn under BSE polo, no logos or print)
- Socks – visible plain white or black (no logos or print)
- BSE bucket hat
- BSE royal blue scarf, BSE beanie (royal blue or navy gloves are optional)

PE UNIFORM

- Polo top – royal blue and gold PE/sport with embroidered PE/Sport logo
- Track pants – plain navy with embroidered logo
- Shorts – plain navy with embroidered logo
- Visible plain white socks
- Appropriate footwear – lace up sports shoes
- (Optional) BSE rugby top and/or BSE spray jacket
- BSE Hat (all year)
- Plain black, long, sports leggings can be worn under BSE PE shorts

Students can wear PE uniform all day on a day when they have a timetabled PE class.
(Students will still need to bring leather school shoes for Science or Technology class.)

STUDENT LEADERSHIP SHIRTS

Student Leader coloured polo shirts are only to be worn on special occasion/event days for their group i.e. House Leaders on sport carnival days.

FOOTWEAR

Plain black, leather lace up school shoes.
(Not Black Sports shoes)
(See example of shoes)



SPORTS SHOES

Only worn with PE & Sport uniform

BSE SCHOOL BAG

BSE blue school bag with College logo

ADP (ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM)

All students must wear the following uniform options for ADP squad sessions. Uniform expectations are in line with whole college uniform policies. In accordance with BSE expectations, students must only wear ADP uniform for designated training sessions.

Correct school uniform is required at all other times.

- T-shirt: ADP specified training shirt (short or long-sleeved)
(complies with Sun & UV Protection Policy standards as worn outdoors in the morning for training and indoors for afternoon training. Competitions require BSE polo or BSE team uniform to be worn.
- Shorts: ADP training shorts (or BSE sport shorts)
- Socks: visible ADP branded socks, or plain white socks
- Pants: ADP branded, or BSE options
- Jacket/Jumper: ADP branded, or BSE options
- BSE hat (all year)
- Footwear: appropriate lace-up sports shoes



ACA (ACADEMY OF CREATIVE ARTS)

All students must wear the following uniform options for ACA sessions. Uniform expectations are in line with whole college uniform policies. In accordance with BSE expectations, students must only wear ACA shirt for designated coaching sessions.

Correct school uniform is required at all other times.



Coaching sessions:

ACA shirt with:

- School shorts, pants or PE shorts, track pants
- Plain black leggings can be worn under BSE PE shorts or track pants
- School shoes or sports runners and white socks
- Skirt (**not** to be worn over dress)

Excursions:

- ACA shirt
- School shorts, pants or PE shorts, track pants
- School shoes or sports runners and visible plain white socks
- BSE hat (all year)

COLLEGE SPORT REPRESENTATION

- BSE PE uniform
- BSE team uniform (where supplied)

COLLEGE FORMAL REPRESENTATION

(Loan uniforms are available from the Community Hub)

- Students representing the College on formal occasions will wear a white shirt with collar, tie and blazer.
- BSE College pants
- BSE blue checked skirt
- BSE hat (all year)

COLLEGE MUSIC REPRESENTATION

- For music performances, students are to wear a white, long sleeved shirt with collar and BSE tie, long school pants.
- College blazers to be worn when required
- BSE hat (all year)

OUT OF UNIFORM DAYS

This includes school camps, School Carnivals, some excursions and other College-defined community events.

- Shoes must have covered toes to comply with safety standards.
- Shirts, tops, shorts, pants and skirts should be SunSmart (consistent with Sun & UV Protection Policy).
- Transparency of garments should be considered, and shirts that expose skin or undergarments should be avoided. Shirts and pants with holes or stains are inappropriate.
- Messages/logos must be appropriate – nothing that promotes violence, alcohol, drugs, illegal activities or of a lewd nature.
- Bucket hat (all year)

SAFETY CLOTHING

- Students to wear protective clothing such as aprons, art smock, overalls, or lab coats to help prevent damage to school clothes (protective aprons are supplied by the college for use in Foods and Metal technology)
- BSE hats ONLY are to be worn outdoors.
- Must be consistent with BSE Sun & UV Protection Policy.