



BUCKLEY PARK COLLEGE

Dress Code Policy

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Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy, please contact a member of the Principal class on 9331 9999

Purpose

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Buckley Park College's requirements for student dress and appearance and to provide information about uniform purchase and support so that all students, regardless of gender identity, feel a sense of belonging and pride in the school community. From an educational point of view, being suitably groomed is part of the process by which students learn the importance of self-image and engage with employers and the community.

This dress code has been developed by Buckley Park 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:

- 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 workplaces
- encourage students to present themselves appropriately for a particular role
- provide a more cost-effective method of clothing children for school, rather than casual dress.

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.

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.

Students are encouraged to wear school uniform hats outside during Terms four and one, peak summer periods. Sunscreen is also accessible at reception, first aid and from sub-school offices, and in PE classes during outdoor PE/Sport lessons.

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

Buckley Park College uniform can be purchased from the official provider, Uniform Group – Academy Uniforms, Keilor Road, Niddrie, or online via: <https://academyuniforms.com.au/schools/buckley-park-college.html> Permitted **non-branded** uniform items (plain black track pants, PE shorts), can also be purchased from department stores. Our uniform provider has used extensive feedback from parents and students to ensure that track pants and PE shorts are comfortable and modern, all at competitive prices. To make purchasing uniform more convenient, we strongly recommend the plain black track pants and PE shorts are purchased from Uniform Group at the same location where other mandated uniform items are purchased from.

The School Council has consulted with the school community and worked to ensure the student uniform is affordable, whilst maintaining high quality fabrics, look modern and respect the direct feedback from students and families. 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 the Wellbeing Manager, via: buckley.park.co@education.vic.gov.au to discuss support that we may be able to provide.

Implementation

Buckley Park College will ensure that this Student Dress Code and uniform item list is communicated to all families and students through our website, newsletters and student planners and through the enrolment process. We will assist students who may be experiencing difficulties complying with this policy where possible.

The wearing of a uniform is compulsory for all students of the college. Students must wear the appropriate uniform on all excursions and school activities unless the nature of the activity renders other clothing more appropriate and the Principal has approved the wearing of other clothing.

Students who are unable to wear uniform on a particular day must provide a note signed by a parent/guardian to their Year Level Coordinator at the start of the day. The note should indicate the reason for the student being out of uniform and the period for which this will be the case. Only matters beyond the control of parents/guardians will be acceptable reasons. Except in extenuating circumstances, students will be expected to be back in full uniform the following day. Repeated and regular breach of uniform for any reason will not be acceptable.

Year 7 – 9 students out of uniform without a note will be required to attend detention.

Year 10 - 12 students out of uniform without a note will be required to attend detention. Repeat incidents of students being out of uniform may result in them being sent home to change into the correct uniform.

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 in writing 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
 - 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/carers
- 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.

BUCKLEY PARK COLLEGE UNIFORM ITEMS

COMPULSORY UNIFORM ITEMS	
To be worn while travelling to and from school, at school and on all excursions and school activities	
TOPS	PANTS / SHORTS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ White, short or long sleeve polo shirt with the college logo. White compression (non-branded) garments can be worn underneath if needed. ✓ Pullover jumper with the college logo ✓ Puffer vest with the college logo ✓ School jacket with college logo ✓ Year 12 students may wear the Council approved commemorative pullover jumper if they wish 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Grey shorts OR grey long trousers (Zip fly, button waist) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Trousers / Shorts should not be baggy, have excess pockets or be considered 'streetwear'. They should be formal business style.
DRESS / SKIRT	SHOES / SOCKS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ College summer dress. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ White compression (non-branded) garments can be worn underneath dress if needed ✓ College tartan skirt <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Black tights may be worn underneath. Black socks can be worn over black tights. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Black leather shoes. Shoes MUST be full black leather, leather sports shoes with no visible logos are acceptable. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Black fabric sports shoes are not permitted ✓ White socks to be worn for both Academic and PE/Sport uniform <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ regular / crew length
OPTIONAL UNIFORM ITEMS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ WHITE compression long sleeve underneath white polo or summer dress if required ✓ Blazer with the college logo ✓ College tie ✓ College cap with college logo ✓ Note: The rule will be "uniform hat or no hat" for all students. No other headwear may be worn by students. In the interests of protecting students from damaging UV rays it is recommended that students wear this cap at all times when outside. Sports caps are not to be worn indoors. ✓ A plain, black scarf, worn tucked in, is permitted in cold weather. ✓ Where a student's religious beliefs require them to wear a head covering, it should be one of the school colours. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Head coverings may be in school colours: Black, Grey, Dark Green, White 	
SPORTS UNIFORM – to be worn on PE/SPORT days only	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Red polo shirt with the college logo (Students may wear a tee-shirt in their house colour instead at inter-house sporting events) ✓ Black compression long sleeve may be worn underneath red PE shirt if required ✓ * Black sport shorts (non-branded, no logo of any kind, respectable length, non-revealing) ✓ * Black track sports pants (non-branded, no logo of any kind, no tape or stickers to cover existing branded logos permitted) ✓ * Plain black leggings (non-branded, no logo of any kind) ✓ Buckley Park College rugby top (can only be worn with sports uniform) ✓ White socks ✓ Sport shoes (no specific colour or brand) ✓ School jacket with college logo ✓ Black bucket hat or cap with red wings insignia <p>If students have Physical Education and/or Sport during the day they will be permitted to wear their sports uniform to and from school. Only the full school sports uniform, as described above, will be acceptable.</p> <p><small>*These items are available from our uniform provider, Academy Uniforms. Items without the school branding can also be purchased from other retailers, however we strongly recommend purchasing the consistent lines of clothing which has utilised extensive community consultation and feedback.</small></p>	

Other guidelines which apply to ALL students:

- At no time are students allowed to wear a **combination of academic and sports uniform** (e.g. runners or black shorts with normal school uniform; white shirt with sports uniform). Students are responsible for ensuring that they have the correct uniform on at all times.
- Students are expected to be clean, neat and tidy in appearance
- All uniform items must be clean and in good repair

- For safety reasons, jewellery, other adornments and hair arrangements should be appropriate to the activities undertaken:
- Students may only wear small amounts of simple jewellery
- Facial piercings are not permitted except for a small, discrete nose stud
- Long hair must be tied back in all practical classes
- Where students choose to wear ribbons or other ties or clasps in their hair, these must be simple, in style and in the school colours (black, grey, dark green, white)
- Boldly coloured nail polish or noticeable makeup is not permitted, this includes extreme fake eyelashes

Parents are expected to take responsibility for ensuring that all uniform items are washed, dried, labelled with the student's name, and communication is provided to the school via Compass in a timely manner if there is a concern in relation to adhering to the Policy.

Concerns about this student dress code

Buckley Park 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 *Complaint Policy*, available via the school website.

COMMUNICATION

This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways:

- available publicly on our school's website
- Compass
- Newsletter
- School Assemblies
- included in staff handbook/manual
- discussed at staff briefings/meetings as required
- included in transition and enrolment packs
- discussed at parent information nights/sessions

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

- Buckley Park College Complaint Policy
- Buckley Park College Student Wellbeing and Engagement 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:

- surveys
- information in newsletters
- information on our website

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