



BALLARAT PRIMARY SCHOOL (DANA ST)

STUDENT DRESS CODE

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Ballarat Primary School (Dana St)'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 our 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 encourage students to develop pride in their appearance
- support Ballarat Primary School's commitment to ensuring that our students feel equal and are dressed safely and appropriately for school activities
- reduce student competition on the basis of clothing
- enhance the profile and identity of the school and its students within the wider community

The School Council has developed a dress code that we believe provides a range of choices for students and is cost effective for families.

SCOPE

Students are expected to comply with this Student Dress Code during school hours and when attending school activities, unless otherwise stated.

UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE

The full list of Ballarat Primary School's school uniform items are available at Appendix A to this policy.

General appearance

While at school, or participating in school activities, Ballarat Primary School (Dana St) students must comply with the following:

- Student must wear the correct uniform
- Uniforms must be clean and in good repair
- Uniforms should be clearly marked with the owner's name

Jewellery and cosmetics

For reasons primarily concerning safety, students are not permitted to wear decorative jewellery to school. Students may only wear stud or sleeper earrings in their ears, and wristwatches. Cosmetics may not be worn at school.

Hair and Sun safety

Shoulder length or longer hair is to be tied back for purposes of health, safety and hygiene (including control and prevention of head-lice).

School uniform sun hats must be worn outside from 1 September to 30 April 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 Beleza School Uniforms, or parents may receive second hand uniforms from the school. Parents can contact the office or principal for details.

Support for families experiencing difficulty

Please contact the Principal 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/>

IMPLEMENTATION

Ballarat Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website. 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 Code on a recurring basis, a note will be provided to the student and parents by the classroom teacher. If non-compliance with the 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.

Measures taken by Ballarat 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.

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 or delegate 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

Ballarat Primary School (Dana St) 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 on our website.

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Ballarat Primary School (Dana St) Sunsmart Policy
- Ballarat Primary School Parent Complaint Policy
- Ballarat Primary School Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy
- Department of Education and Training [Student Dress Code](#)
- Department of Education and Training [Student Engagement policies and guidelines](#).

REVIEW CYCLE

This Student Dress Code was last approved by School Council in August 2020 and is scheduled for review in 2020.

APPENDIX A: BALLARAT PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM ITEMS

Jumper or Vest

Navy polar fleece vest/ jumper with school logo

Navy windcheater with school logo

Polo shirts

Navy and yellow long and short sleeved with school logo.

Skorts

Plain navy skorts without decoration or brand name

Socks or tights

Navy blue or white socks

Navy blue tights

Footwear

Appropriate footwear is to be worn. **Black school shoes or runners (black preferred) are permitted. No thongs or open-toed sandals are permitted.**

School Rain Coat (Optional Item)

Navy Blue coat with school logo. Other coats may be worn outside in cold weather.

Headwear

Navy blue or yellow **(preferred)** head bands, hair ribbons, “scrunchies” or headwear worn as part of cultural/religious beliefs. Elastic Bands used to tie up hair may be worn in any colour.

Dresses

Summer checked Dana St P.S. dress

Dana St pinafore (winter) worn with lemon cotton shirt, or appropriate polo shirt or skivvy.

Shorts

Plain navy blue shorts without decoration or brand name

Pants

Plain, navy blue track pants without decoration or brand name. Navy sports leggings without large logos may be worn.

Skivvies

Plain yellow or navy skivvy

Hats – to be worn from 1 September to 30 April

Navy broad brimmed hat with school logo

Beanies

Navy beanie with school logo