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#### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Barton 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 Barton 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:

- Foster a sense of community and belonging and encourages students to develop pride in their appearance.
- Support Example 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 provides a range of choices for students and is cost-effective for families.

#### **SCOPE**

The School Council has developed the Student Dress Code for the following reasons:

- To create a sense of collective and individual pride in students and their identification with the school.
- To remove the sense of competition in clothing which can often cause distress amongst students.
- To improve the safety of Barton Primary School students by making them instantly recognisable in any group when the students are on school excursions.

For the above reasons, the School Council has decided that all students attending Barton Primary School will wear clothing in a style and colours which are in keeping with the school uniform.

Students are expected to comply with this Student Dress Code while travelling to and from school, during school hours and when attending school activities.

- Uniforms must be clean and in good repair.
- Uniforms must be clearly marked with the child's name so it can be sorted and returned to them if it has been misplaced.
- Additional layers of clothing may be worn underneath the uniform for added warmth.



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#### **JEWELLERY AND COSMETICS**

Students are not permitted to wear decorative jewellery to school. Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, and watches, are the only acceptable jewellery. Jewellery with cultural significance is permitted at Barton Primary School and should be worn under the uniform.

Cosmetics may not be worn at school. Only clear nail polish is permitted.

#### HAIR AND SUN SAFETY

Shoulder-length or longer hair is to be tied back to help restrict the spread of nits and lice and for student safety.

School uniform hats must be worn outside in Term 1 and Term 4. School uniform hats may also be worn outside of this time period, by parent or student choice.

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.

#### **IMPLEMENTATION**

Barton Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website and via Compass. We will assist families who may be experiencing difficulties complying with this policy where possible from our Wellbeing and Inclusion team.

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 Compass notification. 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 Barton 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.

All items purchased at PSW conform to the school's Student Dress Code and offer parents peace of mind in regard to Student Dress Code compliance. Some items may be purchased at other outlets but must conform to the standards detailed below.

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#### **COMPULSORY UNIFORM ITEMS**



Parents who enrol their child(ren) at Barton Primary School must comply with the following compulsory uniform list, which is purchased from PSW (<a href="https://www.psw.com.au/schools/barton-primary-school.html?">https://www.psw.com.au/schools/barton-primary-school.html?</a> =1684638564529). If families need support with the student dress code due to affordability, our Inclusion and Wellbeing Team can reach out to parents/carers to assist them.

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#### Note:

- Students are permitted to wear navy stockings/leggings under the school dress, skirt or skort.
- Student backpacks are compulsory for all students.



#### Note:

- As per our Sun Smart Policy hats are compulsory from September (Late Term 3) April (Early Term 2).
  The hats permitted during the warmer seasons are the Safety Slouch Wide Brim Hat or Bucket Hat.
- The **Rib Knit Beanie** is not suitable for protection from the sun but rather an alternative to use during the cooler seasons.
- School hats and beanies are available from PSW and these are the only headwear to be worn at Barton Primary School.

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#### **FOOTWEAR**

Footwear that is suitable for the general school environment, means enclosed shoes, which are flat shoes or shoes with a minimal heel that have a good grip and fit well. They must be suitable for the activities at school (ie school shoes or runners).

The colour of the shoes must be **mostly black**. Therefore, **black** must be the dominant colour. Below are some examples of what it can look like. Shoes with **white** soles or **white** branding/logo are now permitted.



Note: Sandals, flip-flops/thongs, open footwear or high-heeled are not permitted.





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#### **Optional Uniform Items from PSW**

The following items listed below can be purchased at PSW however are not compulsory. You can purchase these items from different suppliers if they comply with the colours outlined below.



Note: Leggings, short-shorts or tights on their own are not permitted to be worn as legwear.



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#### Other Student Dress Code issues:

- Scarves and headwear of any description including cultural/religious headwear must be in white, orange, purple, navy or black.
- Scrunchies and hair adornments should be in the school colours; white, orange, purple, navy or black.
- Students must not wear "unnatural" hair colours to school.
- No makeup of any description is allowed to be worn at school (this includes nail polish).
- Shoes need to be mostly black in colour.
- Students are permitted to wear navy or white undershirts under their school uniform.
- No excessive or loose jewellery should be worn to school. Earrings worn should be sleepers or studs. Necklaces, bracelets, bangles etc. should not be worn to school. Religious articles are only to be worn as part of jewellery. Any religious item that could be used as a weapon is not permitted. This is a safety issue and prevents loss or damage to expensive items.

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Exemption of the Student Dress Code will be granted where:

- An aspect of the code offends the religious belief held by the student;
- An aspect of the code prevents the student from complying with a requirement of his ethnic or cultural background;
- An aspect of the code prevents students with disabilities from being able to attend school or participate in school activities on the same terms as other students;
- The student has a particular health condition that requires an aspect of the code to be departed from.

In the case where parents can demonstrate particular economic hardship that prevents them from complying with the code, arrangements can be made with the Principal by contacting the school on 8766 4000.

Parents sign an agreement on enrolment that they will support Barton Primary School uniform policy.

#### **COMMUNICATION**

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

- Available publicly on our school's website
- Included in staff induction processes
- Included in our staff handbook/manual
- Discussed at staff briefings/meetings as required
- Discussed at parent information nights/sessions
- Included in transition and enrolment packs
- Included as annual reference in school newsletter
- Discussed at student forums/through communication tools
- Made available in hard copy from school administration upon request

#### **POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

Policy last reviewed	27/07/2023
Consultation	Staff & School Council
Approved by	School Council during a meeting held on 27/07/2023
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