



Dress Code/Policy

Burpengary Meadows Students are required to:

- wear the school uniform on a daily basis
- be of neat and tidy appearance at all times
- wear enclosed shoes
- wear a 7cm wide brimmed navy hat while engaged in outdoor activities
- wear the uniform when representing our school in community activities

Our Dress Code enables students to participate fully in all school activities and contributes to, and supports, a healthy and safe learning environment in compliance with Anti-Discrimination Act 1991 (Qld), Workplace Health and Safety Act 1989 (Qld), and Gender Equity in Education Policy Statement 1992.

Our uniforms reflect current recommended Departmental Sun Safety material and style.

Principles

Our Dress Code addresses all of the following principles:

- Responsiveness and sensitivity
- Access and participation
- Upholding community expectations
- School community awareness
- Continuity and fair trade practice (as adequate availability of full school uniforms cannot be assured through retailers, our school has undertaken to sell uniforms, - hats, shirts, shorts - complying with Policy Statement No. 40)
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Our **Dress Code** takes into account the following considerations:

- Personal comfort
- Non-discrimination between sexes
- Body shape
- Practical religious or cultural considerations
- Socio-economic factors, including mobility patterns of families
- Skin cancer protection
- Particular dress requirements for specific school activities, including extra-curricular activities
- Health and safety, including restriction of jewellery and protective equipment for contact sports
- Commercial supply or competition

Student dress standards should promote the good image of our school and encourage students to uphold and enhance that image.

The Burpengary Meadows State School Student Dress Code consists of an agreed standard and items of clothing, which include a school uniform that students wear when:

- Attending or representing their school
- Traveling to and from school
- Engaging in school activities out of school hours

Students, whilst involved in school activities, are to wear:

The full BMSS school uniform on a daily basis as prescribed by the available choice.

- School designed Polo Shirt – Navy/Red. To be tucked in on the first bell of each Learning session and for the duration of each Learning session.
- School approved Shorts/Skorts (Standard two-pocket school short only) – Navy. Cargo shorts, Board shorts, basketball shorts and football shorts are not permitted. Boxer shorts or similar underwear should not be seen above or below shorts or skorts.
- School approved Broad Brimmed Hat – Navy.
- Predominantly white sports socks.
- School shoes must be predominantly white or predominantly black. Multi-coloured laces are not appropriate. Shoe styles must be fully enclosed and support physical activity at school. 'Joggers/Runners' are recommended. Skate shoes and 'slip-on' shoes are not preferred styles.

Students are permitted to wear one set of earrings, preferably studs (safety). Other body piercing is not permitted at school.

Students are not permitted to wear any form of Necklace, Bracelet or Anklet (safety) except for Medic Alert identification.

Students are not permitted to wear nail polish, make-up or similar cosmetics. Nails are to be kept at a safe length (e.g. along netball guidelines). Synthetic nails are not permitted.

Students may wear a single signet ring with a smooth surface. No other rings are permitted.

Students may wear an appropriate watch that does not disrupt the learning of the class.

Long hair should be kept back to promote good hygiene and so that it doesn't interfere with student learning. Hair ties and head bands are to be plain and practical, and in school colours only.

Hair styles are to be neat, practical and natural. This includes both hair colour and styling. Inappropriate hair styles include mohawks, tracks and unnatural hair colours (e.g purple, green etc). Excessive use of 'hair product' is strongly discouraged.

Please note that on occasion, uniform-free days (free dress days) may be granted directly by the Principal, or via the P&C or Student Council who negotiate with the Principal to arrange the granting of the right on behalf of the students. In granting this right in exchange for a cash payment, the school community has made a supply of that right to the student in exchange for the consideration of a gold coin. These days are usually to support a school cause or charity.

As per the Education Queensland Policy and Procedure Register, Burpengary Meadows SS reserves the right to impose sanctions on a once only basis per episode of non-compliance with the school dress code. Sanctions are reflective of the severity and recentness of the non-compliance and are limited to one of the following:

- Written communication to the parent to describe the non-compliance and seek to resolve the issue
- Imposing a detention for a student during lunch or after school (if after school, inform parents before detention occurs)
- Preventing student from attending, or participating in, any activity for which student is representing school, or preventing student from attending or participating in any school activity that is not an essential school educational program.

Where exceptional circumstances or individual student needs exist, the school Principal (or delegate) may enact the following processes at their discretion:

- Temporary exemption processes (e.g. an exemption card)
- Alternative arrangements for a set period of time upon receipt of written request from parent
- Opportunities to wear relevant items of dress code from a bank of items held at school.

The P & C of Burpengary Meadows State School resolves that it supports a student dress code for Burpengary Meadows State School because it believes that a student dress code at Burpengary Meadows State School promotes objectives of Education (General Provisions) Act 2006.

In particular, the P & C of Burpengary Meadows State School supports the intention of a student dress code in providing a safe and supportive teaching and learning environment by:

- Ready identification of students and non-students at school;
- Eliminating distraction of competition in dress and fashion at school;
- Fostering a sense of belonging; and
- Developing mutual respect among students through minimising visible evidence of economic or social differences.

Principal - Burpengary Meadows SS

P&C President