

BEAUMARIS PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENT DRESS CODE

PURPOSE

The Beaumaris Primary School Council has specified its expectations regarding student appearance. The Student Dress Code requires that all attending students wear a school uniform during school hours and when engaged in school activities out of school hours.

The purpose of the dress code is to create a sense of collective and individual pride in students and their identification with the school. It also enhances individual student safety and group security.

STATEMENT OF AREA

The Beaumaris Primary School Council's, authority to create and implement a dress code for its students arises from a ministerial Order under the Education Act 1958 (*online Victorian Government Schools Reference Guide 4.8.1*). "The written requirements of the school council student dress code policy take precedence over a student's individual preference in matters of dress (*online Victorian Government Schools Reference Guide 4.8.3*)"

ORGANISATION WITHIN THE SCHOOL

Students are required to meet the standards of the dress code unless grounds for exemption can be provided.

Grounds for exemption:

- Offends religious beliefs
- Prevents compliance with requirements of a student's ethnic/cultural background
- Prevents a student with disabilities from participating equally in school activities
- Affects a student's health condition
- Causes particular economic hardship.

Procedure for seeking exemption:

Apply to the school Principal, Assistant Principal or School Council for exemption.

The procedures for granting exemption are:

- Processing of the application by the Education sub-committee of School Council, Principal or Assistant Principal.
- Approval granted by School Council
- Written notification provided to parents/guardians approving the specified grounds for exemption.

Non-compliance with the dress code:

- Parents are expected to inform a student's class teacher or the office if unexpected circumstances prevent compliance with the student dress code.
- Students are required to adhere to the dress code in order to represent the school or attend excursions.
- Ongoing incidences on non-compliance with the dress code will be noted and parents will be contacted for discussion if no explanation or exemption has been provided.

The Student Dress Code stipulates that:

- extremes in fashion, hairstyles and jewellery are not condoned (this includes the wearing of make up, nail polish, hair decorations that are non-functional, earrings other than studs and sprayed on hair colour)
- the wearing of thongs and unsuitable footwear (exposed toes) is not permissible.
- hair longer than shoulder length must be tied back.

The Student Dress Code also supports the school's SunSmart policy stating that students must wear Beaumaris Primary School bucket hats during terms 1 and 4 when outside. (The wearing of hats is optional during terms 2 and 3, but they must be the Beaumaris Primary School hats).

SPECIAL FEATURES

- School Uniform may be purchased at or ordered from the on site Uniform Shop
- The School Uniform price list is regularly updated and distributed to all families.
- Parents/guardians of students enrolling at the school are expected to abide by the student dress code.