

Bass Coast College Student Dress Code



PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Bass Coast College'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 Bass Coast 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:

- foster a sense of community and belonging and encourages students to develop pride in their appearance
- support Bass Coast College'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 while traveling to and from school, during school hours and when attending school activities.

UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE

The full list of Bass Coast College's compulsory school uniform items are available at Appendix A to this policy.

General appearance

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, Example School students must comply with the following:

- Uniforms must be clean and in good repair
- Additional layers of clothing may be worn underneath the uniform for added warmth, provided these undergarments are completely hidden.

Hair and Sun safety

Hair shoulder length or longer must be tied back during practical activities for student safety.

As we are a secondary school, we expect students to take responsibility for being sun smart by wearing a school hat during outdoor activities or staying in the shade, if they are not wearing sunscreen.

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 Totally Workwear Wonthaggi.

Support for families experiencing difficulty

Please contact the Wellbeing Coordinator 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

Bass Coast College will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website, transition information and Compass. 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.

Parents/carers are requested to provide a note to the school if their child is out of uniform. A uniform pass will be issued to the student.

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.

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
- the student or their parents/carers can demonstrate particular economic 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
- 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

Bass Coast 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 *Parent Complaint Policy*, available on the school website.

COMMUNICATION

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

- Available publicly on our school's website
- Discussed in student forums
- Included in staff handbook/manual
- Discussed at staff briefings/meetings as required
- Included in transition and enrolment packs
- Discussed at parent information nights/sessions
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Bass Coast College Sunsmart Policy
- Bass Coast College Parent Complaint Policy
- Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy
- Department of Education and Training [Student Dress Code](#)
- Department of Education and Training [Student Engagement policies and guidelines](#).

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Policy last reviewed	09/03/2022
Approved by	School Council
Next scheduled review date	March 2023

APPENDIX A: BASS COAST COLLEGE UNIFORM ITEMS

The summer or winter uniform may be worn at any time of the year. All students will be encouraged to wear hats during terms 1 and 4.

ITEM	TYPE/BRAND/DESCRIPTION	AVAILABLE FROM	NOTES
Summer Dress		Totally Workwear with logo	Polo shirts can be worn with the summer dress. Dress should be knee length.
Summer Skirt	Same fabric as dress	Totally Workwear with logo	Skirt should be knee length.
Pants	Plain dark grey	Totally Workwear with logo or other supplier without logo	Must be dark grey in colour. No jeans, denim, or track suit pants.
Polo Shirt	Plain, short or long sleeved Navy or White with logo/patch	Totally Workwear with logo. Other supplier with logo patch.	
Windcheater or Jumper	BCC	Totally Workwear with logo	College jacket can be worn as alternative to BCC windcheater or jumper.
Shorts	Plain dark grey	Totally Workwear with logo or any plain dark grey school shorts	No visible branding.
College Summer Jacket	BCC	Totally Workwear with logo	College Summer jacket can be worn as alternative to WSC windcheater or jumper
Winter Skirt	Heavy, navy blue pleated	Totally Workwear with logo	Skirt should be knee length.

PE/SPORTS UNIFORM

ITEM	TYPE/BRAND/DESCRIPTION	AVAILABLE FROM	NOTES
Sports Polo Shirt	Short sleeved blue & red with logo	Totally Workwear with logo	
Sports Shorts	Plain navy shorts	Totally Workwear with logo or other supplier	Minimal visible branding
Change of shoes	Any coloured sports shoes	Any supplier	

ACCESSORIES

ITEM	TYPE/BRAND/DESCRIPTION	AVAILABLE FROM	NOTES
Shoes	Plain black shoes with plain black laces. No white or colour trim or logo's accepted on any shoes.	Any supplier	Shoes must be lower than ankle length. No open toe shoes, sandals, thongs, scuffs, hightops or boots. Flat, no high heels.
Hats/Beanie	Plain navy blue. Hats - Baseball, bucket or brimmed. Beanie.	Any supplier	Not to be worn in class or corridors. Minimal visible branding.
Beanie	Navy blue only	Any supplier	Not to be worn in class or corridors. Beanies can only be worn in Terms 2 & 3 unless the weather is particularly cold.
Scarf	Navy blue only	Any supplier	
Head wear	Navy blue only	Any supplier	This includes headbands or headwear worn as part of cultural/religious beliefs.

Jewellery	Minimal jewellery		Final decision rests with the teacher. Students may be asked to remove jewellery based on safety concerns.
Makeup	Minimal makeup		
Socks	Plain white or black socks.	Any supplier	
Tights	Plain navy blue / black	Any supplier	To be worn with winter uniform only. Tights are to be in good condition. Only black socks to be worn with tights.

EXCLUSIONS

- No jackets, hoodies or non-uniform windcheaters are to be worn.
- Additional layers of clothing may be worn underneath the uniform for added warmth, provided these undergarments are completely hidden.
- No visible t-shirts or long sleeve tops to be worn under the polo shirt.

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