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PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Belmont High 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 Belmont High 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 Belmont High 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.

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

Day-To-Day School Uniform

- Students must wear full school uniform.
- Shoes must be solid black, lace up and polishable. Students cannot wear boots.
- Socks must be white or grey. Students can only wear blue or black socks and/or black tights underneath kilts.
- Students can only wear Belmont High School caps, bucket hats or beanies. Any other headwear is not permitted.
- Students must only wear the grey Belmont High School pants that can be purchased from the uniform shop. Black pants and branded pants such as ‘Dickies’, are not school uniform.
- Students may wear layers under their uniform but are not permitted to wear hoodies or layers with non-BHS emblems or any items that can be seen through or under the uniform.

Sports Uniform

- Students may wear their full sports uniform on the day they have PE. Students may choose to wear plain black leggings during PE sessions only. These leggings are not uniform, and so students must change in and out of the leggings outside of PE sessions.
- Students must wear full PE uniform when attending sporting events off site. They may choose to change into preferred sports gear for their event/s.

Belmont High School’s compulsory school uniform items are as follows:




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PE Uniform					
Shoes Solid black, lace-up, polishable shoes / runners (no boots).			School bag (optional)		
Accessories		Beanie 	White or Grey Socks 	Black Tights	Black, blue, green or tartan scarf.

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PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS

Uniform items can be purchased from Bellarine Uniforms (162 Moorabool Street, Geelong), or Noone Belmont (Centreway Arcade, Shop 6/168 High Street, Belmont).

Belmont High School's Parents Association also operates a second-hand uniform store for parents. This is open every Friday morning from 8:30am till 9:30am. This is located next to the Belmont High School Library, best accessed via the Digby Avenue entrance to the school.

The School Council has considered affordability in the development of this dress code. However, if you are facing difficulty meeting uniform costs the [Help with school costs and fees](#) page provides advice on support offered by the Victorian Government. If your child is starting prep or year 7 and is eligible to receive support via the [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund](#), you may be eligible to access the Affordable School Uniform (ASU) program.

Please contact your student's House Leader or Principal to discuss support that we may be able to provide.

IMPLEMENTATION

Belmont High 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.


If a student is out of school uniform, they must have a written note from home explaining this and it must be taken to the House Leader's office where they will be issued a uniform pass.

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 House Leader. 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 THE STUDENT DRESS CODE

We acknowledge that there might be instances where the enforcement of this dress code could impact students differently.

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:

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- 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 financial 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 THE STUDENT DRESS CODE

Belmont High School 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.

COMMUNICATION

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

- Available publicly on our school's website
- Reminders in our school newsletter
- 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

- Belmont High School SunSmart Policy
- Belmont High School Parent Complaint Policy
- Belmont High School Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy
- Department of Education and Training [Student Dress Code](#)

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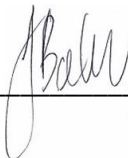
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POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

This policy and procedure was ratified by School Council on: 26/11/2024

Signed:  (School Council President)

Signed:  (School Council Executive Officer)