

**BRIGHTON
SECONDARY
COLLEGE
STUDENT
DRESS CODE
POLICY
2021-2024**

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PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Brighton Secondary 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 Brighton Secondary 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 Brighton Secondary 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 and general appearance
- 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 for the quality of the garment.

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

Brighton Secondary College's compulsory school uniform items are as follows:

SUMMER (TERMS 1 & 4)

- College summer dress (length just **on** the knee), to be worn with College white socks only
- College grey trousers (below the ankle) or shorts (to be worn with College summer shirt only and College grey socks only)
- Purple College jumper
- College blazer (**compulsory**)
- Black, lace up, polishable leather school shoes
- Black, unadorned belt with trousers only

WINTER (TERMS 2 & 3)

- College striped skirt (length just **on** the knee) to be with College grey tights or College long grey socks only
- College grey trousers (below the ankle) or shorts to be worn with college grey socks only
- College white shirt (to the wrist) and tucked in
- Purple College jumper

- College blazer (**compulsory**)
- College tie, to be worn so that it covers the top button of the shirt, button done up
- Black, unadorned belt (with trousers only)
- College Gloves and Scarves (grey) - available from Bob Stewart Uniform Shop
- Black, lace up, polishable leather school shoes

SPORT

- College sport polo (short or long sleeve option)
- College sports shorts
- College soft-shell jacket (only to be worn with Sport Uniform)
- College sports socks
- Sports shoes
- College tracksuit
- College sports rugby jersey
- College peaked hat
- Note: runners must be worn in the gym at all times

OTHER UNIFORM

- Clear poncho (to only be worn to and from school if raining)
- College School Bags (**compulsory**) - available from Bob Stewart Uniform Shop
- College umbrella (black)
- Hair scrunchies/ribbons (College colours)

GENERAL APPEARANCE

The additional points below relating to general appearance support the broad purpose and aim of the uniform policy, particularly in respect to reducing student competition on the basis of clothing items and general appearance. This also allows for consistency of enforceability of the uniform policy.

- No clothing items other than uniform are permitted to be worn at any time. This also applies to excursions and any/all events where Brighton Secondary College students are in uniform and therefore considered to be representing the school.
- All items of uniform must be kept clean and in good condition without holes, tears or stains at all times.
- Dress and skirt length must finish just **on** the knee.
- Shirts should be tucked in at all times
- Ties need to be worn neatly covering a fastened top button
- Tattoos must not be visible at any time.
- Headphones or earphones are not to be worn in classrooms or corridors, unless at the discretion of the teacher for the purpose of the lesson.
- **Sport Uniform:** Year 9 to VCE students may come to school in their sport uniform if they are attending an inter-school sports day or have a P.E or sport elective practical class . Sport uniform is **not** to be worn at any other time.

- Year 7 and 8 students may wear the College Sport uniform to and from school on days they have practical P.E class or PASE. The sports soft shell jacket is to ONLY be worn as part of the college sports uniform.
- No apparel is permitted to be tied around the shoulders or waist.
- Students may not wear any clothing items other than College uniform items purchased from Bob Stewart Uniform Shop. Shorts/trousers that are not school uniform are prohibited, including but not limited to variations of jeans, cords, long baggy drawstring waist shorts with either the day uniform or sport uniform. This also applies to excursions and any/all events where Brighton Secondary College students are in uniform and therefore considered to be representing the school.
- No stockings other than the tights purchased from the uniform shop may be worn. In addition, no black tights are to be worn with any of the day or sport uniforms.
- Any variants of boots, basketball-styled shoes, desert/combat boots, thongs/flipflops, platforms or high-heeled shoes are NOT permitted to be worn with any of the day or sport uniforms. School shoes are to be black, polishable, **laced** and kept clean without any damage. Any concerns over what kinds of shoes are acceptable at Brighton Secondary College, please contact the relevant Sub-school for more information and assistance.
- Students are not permitted to wear coloured shirts of either short or long sleeve with any discernible logo under any of the day or sport uniforms. Any undershirts for warmth should be white or skin toned and **not** visible above or below the College Sport P.E polo or College shirt
- **Scarves:** Scarves are only to be worn with winter uniform (Terms 2 & 3). Students wearing a scarf, must also be wearing their jumper and/or blazer.
- **Excursions and College events:** Students are required to wear correct school uniform and carry their College bag (as required) on all excursions. Failure to comply with this may result in the student being excluded from the excursion/event.
- **Non-uniform days:** All students are to wear appropriate clothing. The following items are not acceptable: midriff exposing tops, singlet tops, leggings/compression tights, t-shirts with offensive logos and thongs.
- **Badges:** The College has the right to prohibit any badge from being worn as all approved badges must align with Brighton Secondary College's Values. Approved badges may be worn on blazers, these include:
 - Any badges awarded by the College, including 3rd party providers of College events such as World Challenge
 - Badges from charitable organisations

JEWELLERY AND COSMETICS

- Make-up, if worn, should be subtle to the point of being unnoticeable.
- Nail polish must be clear only.
- The only jewellery that may be worn is a watch and a pair of sleepers or studs in the ears only. Strictly no other facial/body piercing is permitted. Religious necklaces may be worn under the College shirt or dress and must not be visible.

- Other religious garmets such as kippah/hijabs etc may be worn.

HAIR AND SUN SAFETY

- Hairstyles should not be extreme including those which may be construed to project an anti-social message, which includes but is not limited to: rat-tails, Mohawks, undercuts, shaved sides and/or gang designs. Hair must be of a naturally-occurring colour and long hair must be tied back. Hair ribbons/ties are permitted and must be either purple or dark green and not worn on the wrist. No facial hair is permitted; students are expected to be cleanly shaven. Exception for faith or cultural religious reasons will be granted - with an appropriate note.
- **College Cap:** The cap should be worn during outdoor PE and sport classes and in the yard during recess and lunchtime in terms 1 & 4. Hats other than school caps or bucket hats are not permitted to be worn in lieu of not having the correct hat. Other head attire that originates from cultural identity or religious observations will be considered in the context and intention in which they are worn with the utmost respect for the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity of all in the school community.

PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS

Uniform items can be purchased from Bob Stewart Uniform shop, parents may order it directly from their website or instore

BOB STEWART UNIFORM SHOP

Bentleigh store

466 Centre Road
Bentleigh, 3204

Website: <https://www.bobstewart.com.au/products/brighton-secondary-college>

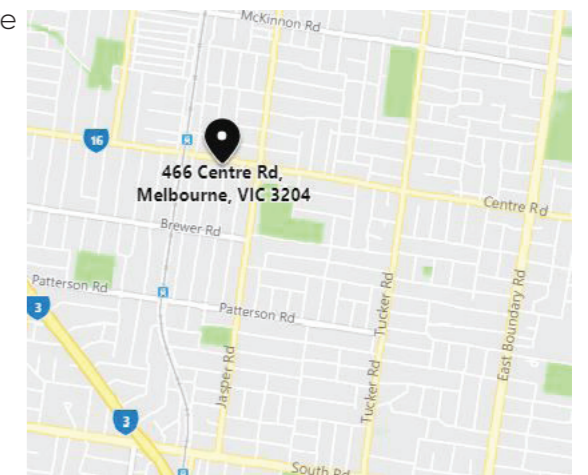
Phone: 03 9036 7384

Email: bentleigh@bobstewart.com.au

Trading Hours

Monday to Friday – 8:30am until 5:00pm

Saturday – 9:30am until 12:30pm



Brighton Secondary College Parents' Club also operates a second-hand uniform store for parents. (insert further information such as contact, opening hours, how the school/Parents' Club will communicate opening hours if they are not set times etc.)

Support for families experiencing difficulty

Please contact the Principal or [insert other staff member] 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/>

Brighton Secondary College also has uniforms available to families to borrow on request.

IMPLEMENTATION

Brighton Secondary College will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website and fortnightly Highlights. We will assist students who may be experiencing difficulties complying with this policy where possible.

If a student is out of school uniform or otherwise breaches the Student Dress Code the following will apply:

YOU WILL NEED TO COLLECT A UNIFORM INFRINGEMENT PASS FROM THE JUNIOR OR SENIOR SCHOOL OFFICE FIRST THING IN THE MORNING

IN ADDITION TO THE CONSEQUENCES OUTLINED BELOW

FOR STUDENTS WHO ARE OUT OF SCHOOL UNIFORM AND HAVE NOT COLLECTED A UNIFORM INFRINGEMENT PASS FROM THE RELEVANT SUB SCHOOL OFFICE BEFORE PERIOD 1 WILL BE ISSUED WITH AN AFTER SCHOOL DETENTION ON THE SAME DAY (YEAR 7 STUDENTS WILL BE GIVEN 24HOURS NOTICE).

CONSEQUENCES - IF OUT OF SCHOOL UNIFORM WITHOUT A VALID NOTE FROM PARENT/CARER

1ST OFFENCE

Warning

2ND OFFENCE

Email sent home explaining procedure

3RD OFFENCE

Students in Year 7 will serve a detention with parents/guardians receiving 24 hours written notice

Students in Year 8-12 will be sent home to change in the correct school uniform. The time spent away from school will be made up in after school detention. This will also apply to any subsequent breaches

Measures taken by Brighton Secondary College 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.

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

Brighton Secondary 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 [INSERT].

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- [Brighton Secondary College Complaint Policy](#)
- [Brighton Secondary College Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy](#)
- Department of Education and Training [Student Dress Code](#)
- Department of Education and Training [Student Engagement policies and guidelines](#).

REVIEW CYCLE

This Student Dress Code will be reviewed every 3 years



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