



Bridgewater Primary School

School Uniform Policy

RATIONALE

The Bridgewater Primary School uniform has been chosen to be a comfortable, affordable and accessible design, which is safe and appropriate for school activities. The uniform reflects the school community's expectations in appearance and style. It promotes a sense of pride and belonging in our school community. For these reasons it is compulsory for all students.

UNIFORM ITEMS

The BPS School Uniform shop has items available for sale at the Front Office. Many of these items have the school logo. We encourage families to dress children in these items.

However, school-wear may be purchased from other retailers, provided they are consistent with the following expectations:

- They adhere to the BPS colour code of plain navy blue (or pale blue*). Prominent logos or patterned materials are not permitted.
- Blue and grey school shorts and long pants are permitted.
- Denim shorts and long pants are permitted. Overalls are not permitted to be worn.
- Preference is for shorts, skirts and dresses to be at least mid-thigh length.

*Pale blue uniform items are no longer restocked, but are an acceptable colour for polo shirts.

STUDENT PARLIAMENT AMENDMENTS

In October 2017 Student Parliament passed two Uniform Bills which were ratified by Governing Council on 31st October 2017. The uniform amendments endorsed in these Bills allowed for students to wear:

- Jumpers from local Bridgewater clubs (Bridgewater Raiders Football Club, Bridgewater Netball Club and Bridgewater Soccer Club only).
- School Sports SA (formerly SAPSASA) Jumpers.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

BPS logo school uniform must be worn when officially representing the school, on excursions* and for school photos. Inappropriate items to be removed on request of a teacher.

*With the exception of Swimming & Aquatics

Clothing items must:

- be consistent in style with the items available in the uniform shop'

- permit children to comfortably engage in physical activity
- be sun smart
- be sized to allow for growth without being overly large.

Hats must be worn in terms 1 & 4 whenever children are outside (as per BPS Sun Smart policy) Students are welcome to wear hats in terms 2 & 3 and encouraged to do so in line with weather forecast. The style of hat is wide brimmed bucket hat, with a built in adjustment around the head (no chin cord). Sunglasses are permitted in Terms 1 and 4.

School beanies or navy blue beanies, scarves and gloves may be worn outside on cold days.

Parents may check with the school if they need clarity around any items.

Parents should make sure all articles of clothing and school hats are clearly named.

Second hand uniforms are available at the Front Office at nominal (or no cost for those suffering hardship). Parents are responsible for changing the nametag to that of their child.

Seniors will negotiate a unique design to be printed on the back of seniors' jumpers. Seniors' t-shirts will be generic (no dates, or names) so can be reused (only seniors are to wear seniors' t-shirts). School staff will support senior students with appropriate sizing to ensure room for growth without being voluminous. First names (full or preferred) will be printed on jumpers. No family names will be printed for safety reasons. Should students share a surname an initial will be included.

All new enrolments will be given a school hat stocked from the uniform shop to welcome them to the school.

Shoes should be suitable for PE and other school activities, including gardening, cooking and art/tech room. Boots, sandals and gumboots are not suitable on PE days. Considering the school's landscape, the preference is for students not to wear sandals.

Jewellery and cosmetic items, such as artificial nails, need to be non-obtrusive and safe for the wearer and others. Studs and Sleepers are suitable earrings. Students may be asked to remove items if they are impacting learning, participation, or pose a risk to the wearer or others. Cosmetics / Makeup should not be worn outside of special events (e.g. book week parade, concert).

Bridgewater PS is committed to supporting students with diverse backgrounds and needs. School staff and leadership can discuss / negotiate accommodations to uniform for individuals based on their unique or specific needs e.g. cultural, religious, neurodivergence, gender etc.

If student uniform is not consistent with this policy, teachers may ask for non-compliant items to be changed or removed where appropriate. Staff may choose to communicate with students and/or their families at their discretion. Staff will always endeavour to make decisions on uniform in a fair way.

REVIEW

Ratified at Governing Council Meeting dated ____09/09/25_____.

Next review date ____Sept 2027_____.