

Uniform

Student Dress Code

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 The Belmont High School Dress Code has been established by School Council and describes the expectations that the Council holds with regard to student appearance.
- 1.2 School Council, through the Uniform Working Party which is representative of the total school community, has the authority and responsibility to develop the code.
- 1.3 The purpose of the code is to create a sense of individual pride in students and their identification with the school.
- 1.4 Common dress code requirements apply to all students (except as detailed below).
- 1.5 The code applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school and when students are engaged in school activities out of school hours.
- 1.6 The written requirements of the School Council Dress Code take precedence over a student's individual preference in matters of dress.

2.0 Exemptions

- 2.1 Grounds for Exemption: Exemptions to the Dress Code are allowed in the following circumstances.
 - 2.1.1 Where an aspect of the code offends a religious belief held by the student.
 - 2.1.2 Where an aspect of the code prevents the student from complying with a requirement of his/her ethnic background.
 - 2.1.3 Where an aspect of the code prevents students with disabilities from being able to attend school or participate in school activities on the same terms as other students.
 - 2.1.4 Where the student has a particular health condition that requires an aspect of the code to be departed from.
 - 2.1.5 Where the student or the parents can demonstrate particular economic hardship that prevents them from complying with the code. In this circumstance, the School will endeavour to assist the family so that the student can comply with the dress code.
- 2.2 Granting of Exemptions
 - 2.2.1 A letter requesting an exemption must be presented to the Assistant Principal detailing the reasons for the request.
 - 2.2.2 After consultation with the parents and the student the Assistant Principal will determine the nature of any exemption granted.
 - 2.2.3 The Assistant Principal will document and communicate the nature of the exemption in an appropriate manner.
 - 2.2.4 A report of exemptions granted will be presented to School Council.

3.0 Review of the Dress Code

- 3.1 The Dress Code is subject to ongoing review by the Uniform Working Party which reports to School Council. Requests for alterations to the dress code are brought to the Uniform Working Party from the Student Representative Council, the Parents' Association, the Staff Association and in some cases individual members of the community.
- 3.2 When significant changes are considered, there will be extensive consultation with the school community and careful consideration will be given to the viewpoints expressed, the practicality of proposed changes and the cost involved.
- 3.3 If a change is considered to be desirable, an appropriate time-line for implementation will be developed.

4.0 Enforcement of the Dress Code

- 4.1 The disciplinary measures related to the Dress Code are described within the Student Code of Conduct and are consistent with the Statewide Disciplinary Procedures, 1994. They consist of a graded series of sanctions.
- 4.2 Decisions regarding the implementation of the Dress Code are the responsibility of the school Principal Class Officers in consultation with staff.

5.0 Communication of the Dress Code

- 5.1 The Dress Code is published in the Student Handbook and Student Diary. Information regarding uniform is also included in parent newsletters, and the student daily bulletins. Reinforcement of uniform requirements occurs at student assemblies.
- 5.2 Any proposed changes to the Dress Code will involve contact with contracted suppliers, extensive consultation with the school community, and the communication of the procedures to be adopted for the implementation strategy and time-line.

6.0 Arrangement with Suppliers

- 6.1 School Council will comply with the contracts it undertakes with clothing suppliers.
- 6.2 School Council will enter into written contracts where the design or material of the uniform is distinctive.
- 6.3 Where possible School Council will use multiple suppliers, use a tender process to select suppliers and limit the period in which an exclusive agreement is to operate to no more than three years.

7.0 Belmont High School Uniform

- 7.1 The Belmont High School uniform which forms the basis of the code, has resulted from extensive consultation with the school community and therefore mirrors the values and cultural norms of the community.
- 7.2 It reflects contemporary standards of dress, respects individual rights with regard to personal appearance and preference and takes account of relevant health and safety issues.
- 7.3 It is suitable to the role of being a student and to the tasks and functions associated with that role.
- 7.4 Uniform is to be worn every day and to all school activities, excursions etc. unless otherwise specified.
- 7.5 The wearing of the uniform is an accepted condition of enrolment at Belmont High School.
- 7.6 Belmont High School uniform is non-gender specific.

8.0 Uniform Details

WARM WEATHER UNIFORM

- Green and white regulation dress
- Green Belmont High School jumper, round neck with school logo
- Grey regulation school shorts
- White Shirt with embroidered school logo or regulation white square-tailed school shirt
- Plain white, round necked, t-shirt which may only be worn under white school shirt – no logo
- Grey or white socks. Socks must not have any logo on them.
- Black rigid leather, lace-up, regulation, traditional school shoes – (no boots, runners, skate or canvas shoes)
- Students are encouraged to wear the Belmont High School hat or cap for sun protection when in the school yard. No other hats or caps are to be worn at school. Hats or caps are not permitted to be worn inside school buildings.

COOL WEATHER UNIFORM

- "Black Watch" tartan kilt – length – 20cm above ground (no shorter)
- White Shirt with embroidered school logo or regulation white square-tailed, school shirt
- White or grey socks (ankle length or above) OR navy or black tights
- Green Belmont High School jumper, round neck with school logo
- Grey trousers, double pleat front, p/viscose
- Plain white round necked t-shirt which may only be worn under white school shirt – no logo
- Black rigid leather, lace-up, regulation, traditional school shoes – (no boots, runners, skate or canvas shoes)
- Beanies are not permitted to be worn at school.

OPTIONAL

- Belmont High School soft shell jacket
- Belmont High School blazer and tie
- Scarf – black, navy, bottle green or black-watch tartan
- Headbands must be plain navy blue, bottle green, black or white.
- Gloves – black, navy, bottle green or white.

Please note: NO OTHER jackets or jumpers are to be worn over the school uniform. Jewellery and make-up must be discreet in the opinion of the School Administration. Hair colour must be natural. One discrete facial piercing may be allowed in consultation with the House Leader.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION/SPORT (COMPULSORY)

- Bottle green short sleeve polo top with school logo
- Bottle green long sleeve polo top with school logo
- Navy blue stretch microfiber sports shorts with school logo (not board or cargo shorts)
- Tracksuit pants - navy blue stretch microfiber with school logo
- Sports shoes and white sports socks to suit activity
- Optional – Belmont High School soft shell winter jacket.

Sport leggings are NOT part of the school uniform. Students may bring plain black leggings to school and they can wear them during Physical Education classes only. They are not to be worn before or after the Physical Education class.

Sports Uniform

Year 7 and 8 only: Students are able to wear their sports uniform to and from school and throughout the school day only on days they have a timetabled physical education class or interschool sport.

Year 9 – 12: Students are not permitted to wear their PE uniform all day unless participating in interschool sport. Students in physical education class period 1 and 2 may arrive at school in PE uniform and change after class. Students with PE period 5 and 6 may change at lunch time and leave the school in PE uniform.

9.0 Implementation of Uniform

The following uniform items are permitted in 2019, however will NOT be permitted from the beginning of 2020.

- Cord shorts
- Rugby top
- Spray jacket
- Blue school shorts
- Blue school long pants
- T-bar shoes