



Uniform Policy

2024

Biggera Waters State School

Relevant Legislation and Policy



The community of Biggera Waters State School overwhelmingly supports and approves the wearing of the school's uniform by our students. The adoption of a Student Dress Code and Uniform Policy is established under Part 10 of the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006.

Therefore, students attending Biggera Waters State School are to wear the designated school uniform and adhere to the school's dress code unless an exemption has been granted by the school principal.

Reasons for a school uniform include:

- It identifies those students attending Biggera Waters State School, both within the school grounds and outside.
- It creates a sense of pride in being associated with our school which has a reputation of excellence in the educational, sporting, cultural and social development of our students.
- It is non-discriminatory as it does not distinguish between students from differing socio-economic backgrounds.
- It eliminates the 'fashion' competition between students and in doing so reduces the stress of 'keeping up' with the trends as well as the cost of school clothing.
- It presents a united image to the public and can be easily identifiable in the wider community, as well as contribute to the sense of order and discipline within the school environment

Uniform Policy



Biggera Waters State School is a full uniform school. We have a Uniform Policy which is endorsed by the Parents and Citizens Association and will be reviewed every year.

The School Uniform:

- Provides ease of identification and the safety of our students
- Is important in encouraging a sense of self-esteem, belonging and self-discipline in our students
- Promotes an effective teaching and learning environment by eliminating the distraction of competition of dress and fashion at school
- Fosters mutual respect among individuals at the school by minimising visible evidence of economic, class or social differences
- Maximises student access to and participation in all educational experiences

All students are expected to observe the details of correct attire and must be wearing the complete uniform in accordance with school routine. Students who reside in more than one residence, are still required to adhere to Biggera Waters State School Uniform Policy.

Students should present in a neat and tidy manner at all times, including on their way to and from our school. The uniform has been designed with elements of sun safety, comfort, climate, modesty, cost, social equity and activity taken into account. The school hat is expected to be worn to and from school.

Biggera Waters State School students are encouraged to take pride when wearing their school uniform and their presentation at all times.



Uniform Guidelines

Shoes

- Plain, all black closed-in shoes or black joggers only (including black soles)
- Black laces or velcro
- Not permitted: designs, coloured laces or coloured trimmings around sole, slip-ons, high-tops, thongs, sandals or boots
- On School Sport Days, special shoes appropriate for the activity can be worn for specific events

Socks

- Plain white socks only
- Socks to be visible above shoe line

Jewellery

- A watch and small plain sleepers or plain studs are the only jewellery items permitted to be worn to school
- Other piercings or facial studs, including tongue studs, nose piercings of any kind are not to be worn to school. Clear alternatives are not permitted
- Cultural or religious necklaces can be worn concealed beneath the blouse or shirt. The parent/carer is required to apply to the Principal in writing, giving an explanation of the religious or cultural significance of the item
- Cultural/religious recognised headdress is acceptable. These should be in school colours (navy blue/white/light blue)
- Permitted jewellery must not be worn during swimming or in other activities where it is deemed unsafe to wear jewellery
- Recognised Medical bracelets or necklaces are exempt from this policy

Hair - all students

- Hairstyles must be neat, clean and tidy
- Hair longer than collar length must be tied up
- White, navy blue or black hair tie /clips and ribbons are accepted
- Bandannas are not to be worn
- Hair is to be checked regularly for head lice and treated before returning to school

Makeup

- Fake nails are not allowed due to Health and Safety Regulations, natural nails must be short in length
- Make-up is not to be worn to school

Uniform Prep - Year 6



Uniform Items:

- Navy unisex shorts**
- School polo shirt**
- School hat**
- Navy skorts (available from our uniform shop or can be purchased externally)
- Navy pleated netball style skirt (not available to purchase from our uniform shop)
- Closed in black shoes (lace-up or velcro - no pull on) with plain white ankle socks (not available from our uniform shop)

** Those marked are only available for purchase through the school uniform shop. All other items can be purchased through the school uniform shop or sourced at external shops.**

Winter Additions:

- Navy tracksuit pants – No leggings/Jeggings
- School jumper or Plain Navy Jumper - no hoods
- Navy, plain beanies
- Navy gloves/scarfs
- Navy stockings/tights
- No visible undershirts

Swimming Attire:

- Racing-style swimming costume/Board shorts
- Swim rash shirt (sun safety)
- Thongs or slides to and from pool
- Swim cap (optional)
- Goggles

Music attire: Only to be worn at performances

- School polo shirt
- Hair ties, bows and ribbons must be school colours (navy blue, white, light blue)
- All black shoes white, visible socks (no hightops, slip ons, boots – students will be expected to change shoes when representing the school in eisteddfods, excursions and camps)
- Navy shorts/skorts (no netball skirts)



Uniform Reminders



**Acceptable
Jumpers/Jackets**



**Not Acceptable
Jumpers/Jackets**



Acceptable Socks



Acceptable Jumpers/Jackets



Not Acceptable Jumpers/Jackets



Inappropriate Uniform

- Should a student who does not have an approved exemption be repeatedly out of uniform, then the parent is requested to provide an explanation, either in writing or in person
- The school will contact parents of students who are repeatedly out of uniform and without a note of satisfactory explanation
 - The school will maintain a small bank of donated uniform items for donation to students who present without the full uniform and do not have an exemption, as well as for those students whose families are unable to provide the school uniform due to financial disadvantage and/or transience.

Consequence of Non Compliance of School Uniform Policy:

Where the parent or the school has provided uniform items for a child but the child refuses to wear them, then it will be considered a refusal to comply with a policy decision of the school community. (This will not apply in cases of exemption.) Such non-compliance will be subject to sanctions as outlined in our School's Responsible Behaviour Plan in accordance with Part 10 Section 362 of the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006. These sanctions will not include exclusion, suspension or cancellation of enrolment.

- Students will be required to remove jewellery items/nail polish and/or makeup
- Students may be offered appropriate items from the bank of uniforms held at the school, but the item must be washed and returned to the office the following day
- A letter will be sent home reminding parents of the school uniform policy
- Students who repeatedly disregard the school uniform policy may be withdrawn from school functions/excursions/special activities. Parents will be contacted to source the required item of uniform.
- Students will be asked to remove items that are not part of the school uniform. Repeated offences will result in a phone call home and will mean the item will be held in safekeeping until 3.00pm of that day. A parent meeting will be required.

Conclusion

Students are reminded that any time they are in uniform they are representing Biggera Waters State School. Their manners, behaviour and dress standard need to ensure they are a good ambassador for our school.

Kylie Bell
Principal

Biggera Waters P&C

Inappropriate Uniform



BWSS Uniform Breach Notice	One <input type="checkbox"/>	Two <input type="checkbox"/>	Three <input type="checkbox"/>
Please be advised that _____ is in breach of our school uniform policy for wearing: _____			
Please refer to our BWSS Uniform Policy to ensure your child is wearing the full school uniform every day.			
Thank you for your continued support. (Please sign and return to class teacher)			
Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____			

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