



Birdwood Primary School Uniform Policy

Our school dress code is the documented standards of what's acceptable in relation to the clothing worn by students while attending our school. The dress code will describe what the 'school uniform' is for Birdwood Primary School. The dress code adopted by our school, regardless of a student's gender identity, is flexible and allows the right of choice and gender expression. It includes the choice of clothing that considers the following:

- freedom of movement
- level of comfort
- safety
- climatic conditions
- other special circumstances (for example pregnancy or disability)

It is our belief that a dress code plays an important role in:

- promoting a positive image of the school
- creating a sense of belonging among students and the community
- supporting student safety
- ease of identification when participating in out of school activities
- making sure students are dressed appropriately for all school activities

DRESS CODE

Footwear

Footwear should offer support and flexibility for the child. Laced or fastened shoes are preferred. Thongs, Ugg boots and bare feet are not acceptable.

Hats

Our uniform policy requires students to wear a sun smart approved maroon broad brimmed hat for Term 1 and Term 4. If students do not have a hat they will NOT be able to participate in outdoor activities whether that be recess/lunch play, Physical Education, excursions etc. Maroon school beanies are optional for winter.

Tops/Dresses

Maroon polo shirts, t-shirts or windcheaters. No singlets or short tank tops. Maroon or red and white check dresses. All tops and dresses must cover the abdomen and shoulders. The length of dresses must be no higher than mid-thigh.

Bottoms

Children are encouraged to wear bottoms that are black in colour. The style of bottoms can be shorts, long pants, skirts and skorts. The length of shorts should be no higher than mid-thigh.

Outerwear

During the cooler months, we encourage children to wear maroon jackets where possible. We have warm, waterproof jackets available for purchase at the school. Maroon scarves and beanies are also encouraged to keep children warm in cooler weather.

Jewellery

The wearing of jewellery to school by students is not encouraged for safety reasons. If student's ears are pierced they may wear plain sleepers or studs to school. Facial and body piercings are not permitted as they



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pose too much of a risk to students when participating in physical activities. The school will take no responsibility for lost jewellery.

Make-up

It is inappropriate for students to wear make-up to school. In unique circumstances, the wearing of makeup can be negotiated with the Principal.

Logos

Clothing with logos (other than the school logo), are not to be worn to school. Plain maroon polo shirts, girls' dresses and trousers can be purchased at various clothing stores.

Hair Colour

We encourage natural hair colour and discourage the colouring of hair, except for medical/cultural reasons or special celebrations e.g., sports day, crazy hair day etc.