



Student Uniform and Dress Code Policy

Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact Sarah Irving on 5774 7341.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Buxton Primary School'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 Buxton Primary School'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 Buxton Primary School'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
- enhance the profile and identity of the school and its students within the wider community.

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

Buxton Primary School's compulsory school uniform items are as follows:

- School polo top with logo with navy shorts, skirt or pants, or a school dress
- A school jumper or polar fleece jacket with school logo (weather dependent)

General appearance

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, students must comply with the following:

- Uniforms must be clean and in good repair
- Uniforms should be clearly marked with the owner's name
- Additional layers of clothing may be worn underneath the uniform for added warmth
- Studs, sleepers and watches are the only acceptable jewellery

Health and safety

Shoulder length or longer hair is to be tied back to help restrict the spread of lice and for student safety.

Jewellery, nails, hair accessories and similar items that interfere with students' ability to engage with school activities safely and fully are not permitted.

Students who wear braids or locs may wear them loose, except for applied technology classes where hair should be tied back for safety purposes.

School uniform hats must be worn outside from mid-August (exact date to be set by the school annually) to 30 April and on any other day prescribed by the school. School uniform hats may also be worn outside of this time period, by parent or student choice.

Hats are not to be worn inside.

Students are permitted to wear sunglasses during outdoor activities. Sunglasses should be close-fitting, wrap-around that meet the Australian Standards 1067 and cover as much of the eye area as possible.

PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS

Uniform items with the school logo can be purchased directly from <https://eduthreads.com.au/collections/buxton-primary-school>. There are sample sizes available at the front office for parents to check before purchasing. Plain navy uniforms can be purchased from large retailers such as Kmart, Target, Big W etc.

Buxton Primary School has a small stock of second-hand uniform available. Please visit the front office if you would like to check the supply.

The School Council has considered affordability in the development of this dress code. However, if you are facing difficulty meeting uniform costs the [Help with school costs and fees](#) page provides advice on support offered by the Victorian Government. If your child is starting prep or year 7 and is eligible to receive support via the [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund](#), you may be eligible to access the Affordable School Uniform (ASU) program.

Please contact the principal to discuss support that we may be able to provide.

IMPLEMENTATION

Buxton Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website, newsletter and uEducateUs. 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 on a recurring basis, a note will be provided to the student and parents by the classroom teacher. If non-compliance with the dress code becomes a continued occurrence, the Principal will be informed and a phone call home may be required. In this event, the school will continue to work with the student and family to support compliance.

EXEMPTIONS TO STUDENT DRESS CODE

We acknowledge that there might be instances where the enforcement of this dress code could impact students differently.

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 financial 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

Buxton Primary School 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 www.buxtonps.vic.edu.au

COMMUNICATION

This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways:

- Available publicly on our school's website
- Reminders in our school newsletter
- Discussed at staff briefings/meetings as required
- Included in transition and enrolment packs
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Buxton Primary School Sunsmart Policy
- Buxton Primary School Parent Complaint Policy
- Buxton Primary School Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy
- Department of Education and Training [Student Dress Code](#)
- Department of Education and Training [Student Engagement policies and guidelines](#).

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Policy last reviewed	July 2026
Consultation	22/7/2026
Approved by	School Council
Next scheduled review date	July 2029

APPENDIX A: BUXTON PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM ITEMS

All Year Round - The following items may be worn all year round based on family preference

Jumper or Jacket

Navy windcheater or polar fleece jacket with school logo. Available from EduThreads.

Polo shirts

Long or short sleeved polo shirt with school logo in teal and navy. Available from EduThreads.

Skorts

Plain navy skort without decoration or brand name. Can be worn with navy blue tights underneath. Available from EduThreads or department stores.

Shorts

Plain navy blue shorts without decoration or brand name. Available from EduThreads or department stores.

Pants

Plain navy pants (track pants or cargo pants) without decoration or brand name. Available from EduThreads or department stores.

Dresses

Blue and white checked gingham dress. Correct option available only from EduThreads, not department stores.

Socks or Tights

White socks or navy tights

Footwear

Closed toe footwear, such as runners, school shoes, pull-on boots are permitted. No open-toed thongs or sandals permitted.

Seasonal Items – These items are weather dependent

Hats

Broad brimmed navy school hat with logo MUST be worn during from the end of August until 30th April.

Beanie and Gloves – (OPTIONAL)

Navy polar fleece beanie with school logo available from EduThreads. Navy polar fleece gloves available from EduThreads or departments stores.

School Bag

Optional navy school bag with school logo. Available from EduThreads.