

## Baringa School Student Dress Code

### PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Baringa Schools 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 Baringa 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 Baringa 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.

The School Council has developed a dress code that we believe provides a range of choices for students and is cost effective for families.

### SCOPE

Students are expected to comply with this Student Dress Code during school hours and when attending school activities.

### UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE

The full list of Baringa School's compulsory school uniform items are available at Appendix A to this policy.

#### **General appearance**

While at school, or participating in school activities, Baringa School students must comply with the following:

- Uniforms should be kept as clean as is possible
- Uniforms must be clearly marked with the owner's name
- Additional layers of clothing may be worn underneath the uniform for added warmth.
- Coats (of any form) may be worn in term 3 when engaging in outdoor activities or at recess and lunch break times.

### **Jewellery and cosmetics**

Students are not permitted to wear decorative jewellery to school. Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, and watches, are the only acceptable jewellery.

Cosmetics are discouraged from being worn at school. Nail polish is acceptable.

### **Hair and Sun safety**

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

Sun hats are considered school uniform and must be worn outside in terms one and four. School uniform hats may also be worn outside of this time period, by parent or student choice.

Hats are not to be worn inside.

### **PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS**

Uniform items can be purchased from Beleza School Uniforms at Albert St in Moe. Alternatively office staff can support parents, to order and buy uniforms.

### **Support for families experiencing difficulty**

Please contact the Office on (03) 51271744 to discuss support that we may be able to provide to families experiencing difficulty meeting uniform costs, including information about eligibility for uniform support through State Schools' Relief. Further information about State Schools' Relief is also available on their website: <https://www.ssr.net.au/>

Baringa School also has uniforms available to students to borrow when needed.

### **IMPLEMENTATION**

Baringa School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website. We will assist students who may be experiencing difficulties complying with this policy where possible.

Students wearing non-compliant uniform items may be asked to change into a compliant item of clothing provided by the school.

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.

If students refuse to change into spare uniforms located onsite at school, they will be given 15 minutes of time off the yard at lunchtime as consequence.

Measures taken by Baringa School to address concerns about student non-compliance with the Student Dress Code will also be addressed in accordance with our Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy.

## EXEMPTIONS TO STUDENT DRESS CODE

We recognise that there may be situations where the application of this dress code may affect students unequally.

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 economic 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

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

Baringa 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, please contact Baringa School on (03) 51271744.

## FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

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

## REVIEW CYCLE

This Student Dress Code was last approved by School Council on 17<sup>th</sup> of August 2021, and is scheduled for review in August 2022.

## **APPENDIX A: BARINGA SCHOOL UNIFORM ITEMS**

### All year round

The following items may be worn all year round, with either the summer or winter uniform:

#### **Jumper or Vest**

Navy Super fleece hoodie with or without school logo

Navy polar/vest fleece with or without school logo

#### **Polo shirts**

Navy long and short sleeve polo pique top with or without school logo.

#### **Socks or tights/stockings**

Navy blue or white socks

Navy blue tights/stockings

#### **Footwear**

Appropriate footwear is to be worn. Black school shoes or pull-on school boots or runners (of any colour) are permitted. No thongs or open-toed sandals are permitted.

#### **Rain Coat (Optional Item)**

### Summer Uniform

#### **Dresses**

Summer blue and white checked dress

#### **Shorts**

Plain navy blue shorts without decoration or brand name

### Winter Uniform

#### **Pants**

Plain, navy blue track pants without decoration or brand name

### Hats – to be worn in term 1 and 4

Broadbrim or cap (of any colour). Beanies are not accepted.