



Brisbane Water Secondary College

Uniform Policy

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Students who are out of uniform must bring a parental note of explanation to the Deputy Principal before lessons commence. A uniform exemption pass will be issued.

Introduction

The College Uniform has many advantages. Brisbane Water Secondary College in consultation with the Parents and Citizens Committee support the implementation of a school uniform. We have agreed that the wearing of school uniform will assist the school community in:

- defining an identity for the school within its community
- developing students' sense of belonging to the school community
- providing an opportunity to build school spirit
- enhancing the health and safety of students when involved in school activities
- promoting a sense of inclusiveness, non-discrimination and equal opportunity
- reinforcing the perception of the school as an ordered and safe environment
- increasing the personal safety of students and staff by allowing easier recognition of visitors and potential intruders in the school
- promoting positive community perceptions of public education
- making school clothing more affordable for families by eliminating the risk of peer pressure to wear transiently fashionable and expensive clothes.

School uniforms in NSW schools

We are a "Uniform College " and all students are expected to dress in full College uniform except on mufti days. College uniform includes the wearing of black leather shoes. This is both a uniform and a WH&S requirement.

Executive Summary of the Department of Education Policy

The Executive of the College have supported the Department of Education's Policy and note the following points.

- Uniform policy is a must and that the uniform policy is consistent across the College
- The policy is to include both day to day uniform and a sport uniform
- Correct footwear is to be mandated to align uniform with WHS Policy.

Essential Document

Department of Education School Uniform Policy A to Z of Policy
School Uniforms in New South Wales Schools.

Uniform Provider

The College has a designated school uniform provider which is the sole distributor of the College Uniform. The College in consultation with parent representatives will work with the uniform provider to ensure that the uniform:

- Consists of a limited range of affordable clothing.
- Complies with Work Health and safety of students engaged in school activities
- Reflects community standards and expectations.
- Take into account the diverse nature of the student population in the school and not disadvantage any student.

The College Uniform supplier is Workwear Direct in 1-13 Mutu Road Woy Woy NSW 2256. The College Uniform Policy is endorsed by the P & C.

Implementation Support

Parents are urged to support the wearing of College uniform. Wearing the uniform shows pride in the College and a wish to belong.

Students who are out of uniform must have a note from their parents/caregivers. This note is to be given to the Deputy Principal before school, who will issue a uniform exemption pass for the day.

Students out of uniform will have access to correct footwear and articles of clothing from a clothing pool. All garments that have been worn will be washed before they are put back into the clothing pool.

The College has the capacity to support families experiencing difficulty and as such families can approach the respective campus and ask for assistance. In approved cases a uniform will be provided for the students.

Students may be excluded from some activities for safety reasons which may include incorrect footwear. In those circumstances students will be given alternate educational activities.

THE OFFICIAL UNIFORM FOR YEAR 11 AND 12 STUDENTS

Compulsory for all students Years 11– 12.

Females:

- Skirts: Plain navy with two inverted pleats in the front and plain at the back.
- Slacks: Regulation plain navy
- Blouse: Blue shirt.
- Blazer: Regulation unisex plain navy blazer or regulation female blazer. (non compulsory)
- Jumper: Regulation plain navy
- Jacket: Blue zip-up style with school crest
- Shoes: Black leather shoes with solid uppers that cover and protect the foot.

Males:

- Trousers: Regulation plain navy
- Shorts: Regulation plain navy
- Shirts: Blue Shirt
- Blazer: Regulation unisex plain navy blazer. (non compulsory)
- Jumper: Regulation plain navy
- Jacket: Blue zip-up style with school crest
- Shoes: Black leather shoes that cover and protect the foot.
- Ties are optional. The logo to be embroidered on shirts, blouses, jumpers, jackets and blazers; and the College initials "BWSC" to be embroidered on the shorts.

Additional Uniform Requirements

PE Senior Campus

Sport is an integral part of the Year 10 curriculum and all students must take part in the organised activities unless there are some health reasons why they cannot participate. If so, we require a doctor's certificate from parents stating the reasons why the pupils are to be:

- (a) excused temporarily: OR
- (b) excused permanently from Physical Education classes

We expect students to wear a PE uniform for the following reasons:

- protection of uniforms
- cleanliness and hygiene reasons
- safety and freedom of movement of the students
- promotion of personal and Campus pride

PE Woy Woy Campus

- Polo Shirt: Navy polo shirt with logo
- Shorts: Navy blue with gold stripe
- Navy tracksuit pants.

The Department of Education and Training specifies that shoes with a firm sole and leather uppers should be worn by students in practical lessons. Thongs, sandals or canvas shoes ARE NOT TO BE WORN during practical lessons.

Students whose shoes do not meet WH&S safety standards will be excluded from participating in practical lessons and may be sent home to change into appropriate footwear.

Aprons and head coverings are required for cooking practical lessons and are available at a reasonable price from the Campus.

Aprons are also advisable for Industrial Technology lessons and are available from the Industrial Arts Department for a reasonable price.

MAKE UP AND JEWELLERY – May be worn in moderation and tastefully and with a regard to safety where jewellery is concerned. “Dressy” jewellery, e.g. fancy rings and earrings (apart from sleepers), fancy bangles, etc are not appropriate to wear with the uniform and are better kept for outside the Campus.

THE OFFICIAL UNIFORM FOR YEAR 7 TO 10 STUDENTS

Compulsory for all students 7-10.

Brisbane Water Secondary College supports all students wearing the correct school uniform. It should be worn in a manner that is neat, clean and in good repair. Parents are asked to provide a courtesy note on any day that a student is unable to wear the correct uniform.

A limited supply of uniform will be available to students who are unable to wear uniform that day.

Both

- Shoes: Black Lace-up Shoe Policy with Example pictures (pdf, 1695 KB)
- Jumper: Navy blue with logo (V-neck sloppy joe or zip fleece jacket)

Girls Uniform

- Skirt: Tartan navy check with gold threads, inverted pleats front and back, with College letters BWSC near the pocket (until stocks last), or navy blue skirt with College letters.
- Shorts: Navy blue gabardine shorts with 2 front pockets and two back pockets with College letters BWSC on bottom right leg.
- Shirt: White button up front (not polo) with Pan collar and College logo on pocket.

Boys Uniform

- Shorts: Navy blue gabardine shorts with 2 side pockets and one back pocket with college letters BWSC on bottom right leg - not cargo style.
- Shirt: White shirt button up front with College logo on pocket.
- Navy tracksuit pants.

P.E Umina Campus

- Polo Shirt: Navy polo shirt with logo
- Shorts: Navy blue with gold stripe
- Navy tracksuit pants.

Clothing Items Not Permitted

Certain items of clothing are not to be worn. These include:

- Thongs, open-toed or open-heeled sandals or shoes
- Jeans, denim shorts
- Tank tops, singlets, T-shirts, board shorts
- Clothing with writing or drawings other than the college logo or achievement badges
- Tracksuit items other than those of the College.

Students wearing inappropriate footwear that does not meet WH&S safety standards may be excluded from the playground or sent home to change their shoes.

ACCEPTABLE FOOTWEAR

Black leather lace up footwear with fully enclosed uppers, including the tongue and a stout non-slip sole.



UNACCEPTABLE FOOTWEAR

Unacceptable footwear includes joggers, gym boots, volleys, skate shoes and ballet flats

