



Bertram Primary School

Dress Code Policy 2015

BACKGROUND

The school's Dress Code plays an important part in promoting a positive image of the school and creating a sense of identity. The staff and School Board agree that a school dress code helps to:

- Foster and enhance the public image of the school
- Assist in building school and team spirit
- Ensure students are safely dressed for specific school activities
- Promote a sense of identity and pride in the school
- Encourage equity among students

The school and School Board strongly promote the wearing of a school uniform by all Bertram students from K-6.

PROCEDURES

Observance of the dress code is not a condition of enrolment at Bertram Primary School but is strongly encouraged by all who attend the school.

The school will ensure all procedural fairness is afforded when dealing with issues of exemptions and non-compliance.

The school does not allow graffiti or signing of any aspect on the school uniform.

Where Year 6 students wish to have their shirt signed on the last day of school this must take place at the end of the school day or as directed by the staff.

CONSULTATION

The School Board will widely canvass students, parents and staff before establishing or changing the dress code using surveys, information in the newsletter and meetings with the P&C and Student Councillors.

DRESS CODE

The following list makes up the uniform requirements for Bertram Primary School. **Please note:** The State Government has decreed any form of **denim is not appropriate** for wearing to Primary School.

SHIRTS: Royal Blue Bertram polo shirt with valley green and white trim in collar, Royal Blue polo shirt.

Singlets or tank tops are not permitted.

Shirts with advertising logos, graphics or obscenities are not permitted.

SHORTS / PANTS: Royal Blue shorts, Royal Blue long pants.

Leggings are not considered to be pants.

Denim and board shorts are not permitted.

SKIRTS / SKORTS: Royal Blue skirt, Royal Blue skort.

DRESS: Royal Blue Bertram School Dress with School Logo.

HOUSE SHIRTS: House shirts may be worn with Royal Blue skirts, shorts or pants on the days students participate in physical education, sport, assembly and House activity events (e.g. Harmony Day).

<u>House</u>	<u>House Colour</u>
Wind	Grey
Fire	Orange
Earth	Maroon
Water	Teal

Students are not permitted to wear House Shirts on school excursions or to represent the school.

LEAVERS' SHIRTS: Year 6 students will have the opportunity to purchase a Leavers' shirt. Leavers' shirts may be worn at school with Royal Blue shorts, long pants, skirts or skorts.

Leavers' shirts are not permitted to be worn on excursions or to represent the school.

STUDENT COUNCILLORS' SHIRTS: Students who are elected as School Councillors will be presented with a special Student Councillor's shirt. This shirt may be worn in place of their Royal Blue polo shirt and is permitted to be worn on excursions and when representing the school.

TIGHTS / LEGGINGS: White or Dark Blue. Only to be worn under skirts, skorts or shorts.

SKIVVY / LONG SLEEVED T-SHIRTS: White or Dark Blue. Only to be worn under polo shirts or t-shirts.

JUMPERS: Royal Blue Bertram jumper with valley green and white trim in the collar, Royal Blue jumper.

Jumpers with advertising logos or graphics are not permitted nor are jumpers with obscenities.

Hoodies are not permitted.

HATS: The School has a *No Hat No Play* policy for the whole year. Students are to wear a Sunsmart Royal Blue wide brimmed hat, bucket hat, legionnaire's hat or slouch hat.

- Sun visors, beanies and caps are not deemed as appropriate hats
- The Cancer Council of W.A. recommends students wear broad-brimmed, bucket (deep crown and minimum 6 cm brim) or legionnaire style hats whenever they are outside
- As of the beginning of the 2012 school year all students will need to wear a Royal Blue Sunsmart hat to attend school excursions or represent the school.

Hats with inappropriate pictures, logos or words are not permitted. Writing / graffiti on the outside of hats is not permitted.

SCARVES: Royal Blue, Dark Blue or White. Scarves should be plain or royal blue with the Bertram logo available from the uniform shop.

Beanies and gloves are not permitted during school hours.

SHOES: Students are required to wear sandals with a back strap or closed in shoes at all times. Students are expected to wear appropriate shoes for PE and sport sessions.

Occupational Health and Safety requirements dictate students and helpers working in the kitchen and garden are to wear closed in shoes at all times. Students not wearing enclosed shoes will be excluded from kitchen and garden sessions.

Thongs are not permitted.

MAKE UP: Students are not permitted to wear any make up or nail polish.

JEWELLERY / EAR RINGS / BODY PIERCING: Students may have ears pierced and wear small stud earrings contained within the earlobe or sleepers. Students may wear a wrist watch.

Other body piercing and decorative jewellery are not permitted.

HAIR: Hair should be worn neat and off the face (shoulder length hair must be tied back).

Students with long hair not tied back will be excluded from kitchen sessions.

Headbands worn must be plain.

Hair colouring is strongly discouraged.

Shaved hair patterns are strongly discouraged.

TEMPORARY TATTOOS: Students are not permitted to wear visible temporary tattoos.

EXCURSIONS:

Students who represent the school or attend an excursion will be required to wear their Royal Blue polo shirt or t-shirt with Royal Blue shorts, skirts, skorts or pants or the uniform provided by the school or outlined by the teacher in charge of the group.

House shirts or Leavers' shirts are not permitted on excursions or when students are representing the school.

AVAILABILITY OF DRESS CODE ITEMS

- The School Uniform Shop is located in the Undercover Area and is open on Thursday mornings from 8:30am to 9:30am. Eftpos is available.
- Uniform orders can be lodged in the front office at other times or through the school website. If orders are paid in full they will be delivered to the child's LA.
- Items in the designated school colours may be purchased from any clothing department store.
- Second hand clothes are available from the Uniform Shop.

CHANGES TO THE DRESS REQUIREMENTS

Changes to the dress requirements will be kept to a minimum. All changes will be carried out in consultations with:

- The School Community
- The School Board
- The Student Council

A six month transition period will occur when changes are made to the dress requirement, as set by the School Board.

PUBLISHING DRESS CODE

The Dress Code will be published in the school newsletter at the beginning of each school year and linked to the school's website. Information on School Dress Code will be included in Parent Information Packages.

NON-COMPLIANCE WITH DRESS CODE

A note will go home advising parents / caregivers of the item which does not comply with the Dress Code and advising them what is required according to the Dress Code (see below).

Dress Code Advice

Dear parent / caregiver

Student's name: _____ LA: _____

Was wearing the following item/s which do not comply with the Bertram Dress Code.

Shirt	Shorts / Pants / Denim	Skirt / Skort	Dress	Tights / Leggings	Skivvy / Long sleeved T-shirt
Jumper	Hat	Scarf / Beanie / Gloves	Shoes	Make Up / Temporary Tattoos	Jewellery
Hair					

The Bertram Dress Code states this item:

should be Royal Blue	is not permitted	must be worn under skirt / shorts or skort	must be worn under a polo or t-shirt	must not have a hood
should be Dark Blue or White	must be Sun smart	must be enclosed for kitchen / garden / excursions	must be tied up	cannot be worn on excursions or to represent the school
Hair colouring is strongly discouraged	Shaved hair patterns are strongly discouraged	Dress is to be from BPS Uniform Shop only		

Please refer to the Dress Code for more details. The Dress Code is available on the website or from the front office.

Staff member: _____ Date: _____