

Purpose

The Brunswick Secondary College Uniform Policy is aimed at ensuring that all stakeholders understand the reasoning behind implementing school uniform clothing, clarifying the items of clothing that make up correct BSC uniform and ensuring that the policy is implemented consistently.

Rationale

The Brunswick Secondary College Uniform Policy is based on the following rationale:

Safety

Uniform provides for quick recognition and identification of students as those belonging to Brunswick Secondary College. This is especially important for safety when students travel outside of the school on excursions. Uniforms also allow staff to clearly identify persons who should not be within the school grounds.

Inappropriate Clothing

Uniform provides for appropriate clothing for school wear. For example, closed shoes for protection in woodwork, food and science classes and sun-smart clothing for summer.

School Pride

Uniform creates a sense of collective and individual pride in our school.

Wellbeing

Uniform is inclusive and culturally sensitive. It provides students with a sense of belonging and community, while allowing a range of individual choice.

Uniform eliminates aspects of peer group pressure and competition amongst students. It also removes pressure on families to provide fashionable items for daily wear and is reasonably priced.

Expectations:

- All students are required to wear the prescribed Brunswick Secondary College uniform and it is expected that Parents/Carers will support the school's Uniform Policy.
- All uniform items should be clearly marked with the student's name.
- Students must wear complete and correct school uniform when participating in school excursions.

Purchase of Uniforms

Students/Parents/Carers experiencing financial difficulties should contact the relevant Sub-School Leader or Year Level Coordinator for support regarding access to free or reduced cost uniforms.

New Uniform Items

- All new uniform items may be purchased at the college's Uniform Shop, located in the Administration Block inside the Dawson Street entrance
- A full price list of new uniform items is available from the General Office.
- Uniform Shop hours of operation: Monday (8.00am – 9.00am) and Wednesday (3.00pm – 4.00pm).
- Additional hours of operation (for example at the beginning of the year) will be advertised to the school community via the Compass portal when required.

Second-hand Uniform Items

- The BSC Parent Association regularly runs second-hand uniform sales.
- These sales will be advertised to the school community via the Compass Newsfeed throughout the year.
- Items may be donated to the Parent Association via the General Office.

Uniform Items & Options –

Uniform items can be viewed online at DCS Uniforms website - www.dcsuniforms.com.au.

Students can choose to wear either the summer-weight or winter-weight uniform at any time throughout the year, based on their own comfort level. Brunswick Secondary College is a gender inclusive school and uniform items are not specific to gender.

General Uniform

- 1 BSC checked dress with socks (white) or
BSC tailored shorts or long pants (navy blue) with socks (black or white) or
BSC long skirt (navy blue) or
BSC plaid (tartan) skirt with socks (white) or tights (navy blue)
- 2 BSC polo top (teal) – long or short sleeve *or*
BSC collared school shirt (white, faint stripe) – long or short sleeve
- 3 BSC woollen v-neck jumper (navy blue) or
BSC fleece v-neck windcheater (navy blue)
- 4 BSC blazer or
BSC soft-shell jacket or
BSC rain jacket
- 5 Socks – black or white
- 6 Hair accessories (navy blue) and/or
Headscarf (white, navy blue or black)

General Uniform Shoes

- must be completely black
- must be worn to/from and during school (see exception under Physical Education & Sport Uniform below)
- leather lace-up, leather T-bar or sports shoe



Physical Education & Sport Uniform

Sports Uniform must be worn for interschool sport, Physical Education classes and Sport Education classes where physical activity is undertaken.
Sports Uniform and runners can be worn on throughout the day of the activity, Physical Education or Sport Education class. Students can change in/out of the sports uniform at school if preferred.

- 1 BSC sports shorts (navy blue) or
BSC track pants/leggings (navy blue) or
BSC long skirt
- 2 BSC sports shirt
- 3 Hair accessories (navy blue)
Headscarf (navy blue, black or white)
- 4 Runners (any colour) & socks (black or white)

Year 12 Uniform

Year 12 students are expected to wear the same uniform items, except for the voluntary addition of two Graduating Class uniform items as approved by the principal. This item is designed and voted on by students when they are in Year 11, to be worn in Year 12.

Non-Year 12 students are not permitted to wear a Year 12 uniform item.

Out of Uniform – Procedure and Consequences

Any student that attends school with incorrect uniform must report to the Year Level Coordinator **on arrival at school and prior to the commencement of classes.**

- Where Parent/Carer has provided the student with a note (signed, dated and stating reason), this must be given to the Year Level Coordinator. Year Level Coordinators will issue a Uniform Pass to students who provide a note or an adequate excuse for being out of uniform.
- Throughout the school day, if any student is identified as out of uniform and cannot produce a Uniform Pass, the student will be referred to the Year Level Coordinator for explanation and may receive a detention.
- Ongoing breaches of uniform guidelines may result in the student being sent home to change clothing (following contact with Parent/Carer).

Review cycle

This policy was updated in September 2021 and should be reviewed every 3-4 years. School Council must approve this policy.