



BANKSTOWN WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL

Uniform Policy

As at May 2018

Policy Statement:

1.1 Our school uniform consists of a limited range of clothing, including footwear and headwear. It identifies students as belonging to our school. Our school expects students to wear the uniform during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when engaged in most school activities out of school hours.

1.2 Our school uniform reflects school community standards and expectations. It has been developed in consultation with and agreed upon by the school community, through the P&C.

1.3 Decisions about school uniforms should be consistent with work health and safety, anti-discrimination and equal opportunity legislation. Aspects of the uniform related to safety, eg. safe footwear, eye protection and hats, will need to be enforced as appropriate. Our school's uniform policy takes into account the diverse nature of the student population in the school and will not disadvantage any student.

Audience:

2.1 The students, parents and staff of Bankstown West Public School.

Context:

3.1 The Department of Education and the School Community supports the wearing of school uniforms by students and the upholding of high standards of dress by students and staff.

Responsibilities:

4.1 When a school community agrees on a school uniform, the principal oversees the shared responsibility for ensuring that students are encouraged to wear school uniforms that meet agreed community standards and adhere to legislative requirements.

Monitoring and Evaluation:

5.1 The school's uniform policy and school uniform requirements should be reviewed at least every five years and amended where necessary. Groups within the school community may also seek a review when circumstances change significantly or issues arise.

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Rationale: The uniform of Bankstown West Public School reflects the positive image and values which we as a school want to demonstrate to the wider community. A consistent and fair uniform policy improves student morale and student cohesion in the wider community.

Summer uniform is to be worn in Term One and Term Four. Winter uniform is to be worn in Term Two and Term Three. There will be a two week transitional period between the changeover from Summer to Winter and then back to Summer.

Summer Uniform

Boys and Girls, Monday to Friday

- Maroon and blue short sleeve polo shirt
- Maroon shorts with blue stripe
- White socks
- Black school shoes Mon to Thurs, sports shoes only on Fridays
- School hat (compulsory) – bucket hat with emblem

Girls' summer alternative – school summer dress tunic

Girls' modest alternative – maroon gabardine pants (available from the school uniform shop only) and long sleeve maroon and blue polo shirt



Winter Uniform

Boys and Girls, Monday to Friday

- Maroon and blue long sleeve polo
- Maroon track pants with blue stripe
- Matching maroon and blue school jacket
- White socks
- Black school shoes Mon to Thurs, sports shoes only on Fridays
- School hat (compulsory) – bucket hat with emblem

There is no alternative for girls in winter.

School Accessories – recommended but not compulsory

- Maroon back pack
- Maroon scarf
- Maroon gloves
- Library/excursion bag
- Assorted hair accessories in maroon
- If wearing a hijab please wear maroon or white

Jewellery

Department of Education guidelines insist that jewellery or other items that could, with reasonable foreseeability, cause an injury to the student wearing it, or to other students, must not be worn at school. These guidelines provide for schools to instruct students to remove jewellery if it is considered dangerous.

At Bankstown West Public School we consider acceptable items to be modest jewellery only, such as small studs or sleepers if ears are pierced. Excessive or large jewellery, including costume jewellery, is a health and safety hazard and will not be permitted at school. Items considered unsafe and therefore unacceptable include large earrings, bracelets, bangles, rings and necklaces.

Some items of jewellery may be of religious or cultural significance. While these are acceptable, consideration should be given to the value of the item (monetary and emotional) as the school cannot be held responsible for loss or breakage. Where possible, such items should be kept out of sight. Furthermore, in order for a child to be allowed to wear such items parents will need to put in writing a request for approval to the school office.

Medical alert jewellery is always permissible.