

## Student Dress Code and School Uniform Information

The Birkdale South State School community supports the wearing of a school uniform and a student dress code in accordance with Department of Education policy Student Dress Code. This reflects the school community standards and is consistent with occupational health and safety and anti-discrimination legislation. Students attending Birkdale South are expected to wear the appropriate school uniform, take pride in their appearance and follow the school dress code unless an exemption has been granted by the principal. Participation in school sport, music performances and school excursions requires students to wear the appropriate school uniform. The school uniform aims to contribute to a safe and supportive teaching and learning environment through:

- ready identification of students and non-students at school;
- fostering a sense of belonging; and
- developing mutual respect among students by minimising visible evidence of economic or social differences.

Parent and student commitment to the community's student dress code forms part of the enrolment agreement. The student dress code is an agreed standard of dress and specifies the items of clothing students wear when:

- attending or representing their school;
- travelling to and from school; and
- engaging in school activities out of school hours.

### Uniform Options

**School Colours** - red and grey.

**Preparatory Year** - The uniform is unisex and consists of grey shorts and red polo shirt (short or long sleeve) with girls having the option of wearing skorts. Prep students wear a red brimmed hat to distinguish them and this is available from uniform shop.



#### Year 1 to 6

Two options are available:

- Red check dress with collar, zip-up front, short sleeve and zip side pocket.
- Choice of grey netball skirt, shorts or skorts with red school logo polo shirt (short or long sleeve).



#### Year 1 to 6

Two options are available:

- Mid to dark grey shorts with red check button up short sleeve shirt.
- Mid to dark grey shorts with red school logo polo shirt (short or long sleeve).



#### Winter

- Red pullover or zip front jacket only. Hooded jumpers not permitted
- Mid to dark grey trousers or track pants.
- Mid to dark grey stockings worn under skirt or dress.

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- Red pullover or zip front jacket. Hooded jumpers not permitted.
- Mid to dark grey trousers or track pants.



**Footwear** - Students must wear black leather or vinyl joggers (preferred) or dress shoes. Mary-Jane style shoes are not permitted. Shoes must be black in their entirety, including stripes, logos, soles etc. Socks must be white & visible.



**Hat** – Students must wear a grey brimmed hat for Yr 1 to 6 and a red brimmed hat for the Preparatory Year. The school has a no hat, no play policy and students must wear the hat options approved by the Queensland Cancer Council:

- Broad brimmed hat with a brim of at least 7.5 cm wide.



**Swimming** – All students are required to wear a sun safe swim shirt (rashy) when swimming. Goggles are recommended and swim caps are recommended for students with long hair.

**School Leader Blazers** – Owned by the school and worn by student leaders and school representative teams throughout the year.

\*Most items are available from the uniform shop\*

### School Dress Code

- Students are able to wear the shirt out over the shorts.
- The shirt may be worn out over the skirt provided it is an acceptable length and is neat and tidy in appearance.
- A short sleeve T-shirt may be worn under the school shirt but not visible.
- Long sleeve t-shirts are not to be worn under shirts or dresses.
- Jewellery – 1 pair of plain sleepers or studs permitted. The wearing of other jewellery items is not permitted.
- Tongue, nose, eyebrow piercing and multiple ear piercing are not allowed.
- Parents must make a formal request for their child to wear a piece of jewellery of cultural or religious significance.
- Only clear nail varnish should be worn.
- Red check, red, white or grey hair ties, bands or scrunchies are acceptable.
- Students may wear the District, Region or State sport shirt.
- Hair needs to be worn off the face in a neat and tidy manner. Extreme hairstyles are not permitted eg rat tails, mohawks, undercuts, dreadlocks, tracks, non-natural hair colour, multi-colouring of hair. Hair cut style and colour should be conservative in nature.
- Australian approved sunglasses may be worn outside of the classroom.

### Implementation of School Dress Code

***In the event of a student temporarily being unable to comply with the school dress code, a note of explanation must be presented to the Deputy Principal or Principal before school and a uniform pass will be issued for the day.***

The student dress code has been developed in consultation with parents and carers of children enrolled at Birkdale South, school staff and students. The dress code is consistent with relevant legislation and incorporates issues of availability, affordability and functionality of items of clothing.

The code incorporates strategies to accommodate special needs and circumstances of students and strategies for managing non-complying students. Parents may request permission for students to not wear the school uniform. Arrangements can be made for the student to wear acceptable clothing in place of the school uniform. Acceptable or reasonable dress refers to clothing or apparel that would be socially acceptable, although it might not conform to the school's student dress code. Inappropriate dress refers to clothing or apparel worn by students that is deemed to be:

- Offensive;
- Likely to disrupt, or negatively influence normal school operations;
- Unsafe for student or others; and
- Likely to result in a risk to health and safety of student or others.

We are aware that occasionally exceptional situations occur where a student may temporarily be unable to comply with the school dress code. **In this instance a note of explanation must be presented to the Year Level Deputy Principal or Principal before school and a uniform pass will be issued for the day.** Any student attending school in a non-uniform item must go to admin before school where they will either be issued with a uniform pass for the day, or will be loaned an item for the day where appropriate. Please be aware that all expectations around uniforms are enforced daily.

Economic hardship issues are dealt with through a Community Support application or direct debit from Centrelink resulting in the necessary items being supplied in advance of the receipt of payment. The school maintains a collection of uniform items and students may be offered items from the pool to wear. Where there are individual cases of conflict with the dress code, or persistent failure of a student to uphold the code, or a student is inappropriately dressed appropriate items are offered from a bank of clothing held at school and parents/carers informed of the matter and a solution discussed to prevent a recurrence.

A student's non-compliance with the school student dress code requirements is not grounds for suspension, exclusion, or cancellation of enrolment from school. Birkdale South may impose sanctions on a once only basis per episode of non-compliance with the school dress code. Sanctions are reflective of the severity and recentness of the non-compliance and are limited to one of the following:

- Imposing a detention for a student during lunch or after school (if after school, inform parents before detention occurs);
- Preventing student from attending, or participating in, any activity for which student is representing school; or
- Preventing student from attending or participating in any school activity that is not an essential school educational program.

Students must at all times wear reasonable dress. Students wearing inappropriate dress will be withdrawn from class and work on an individual education program until reasonable dress can be obtained. Parents/carers of students attending school wearing inappropriate dress will be contacted and asked to bring appropriate clothing to the school or collect the child and return them wearing reasonable dress.

The Student Dress Code forms part of the Birkdale South SS Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students and is endorsed by the P&C Association. The dress code is periodically reviewed and evaluated by the P&C Association with advice of any changes communicated to parents/carers and students in writing by way of the school newsletter before changes are implemented.

The Birkdale South State School Dress Code is formally endorsed in November each year through the following motion.

The P&C of Birkdale South State School resolves that it supports a student dress code for Birkdale South State School because it believes that a student dress code at Birkdale South State School promotes the objectives of Education (General Provisions) Act 2006. In particular, the P&C of Birkdale South State School supports the intentions of a student dress code in providing a safe and supportive teaching and learning environment by:

Ready identification of students and non-students at school;

- Eliminating distraction of competition in dress and fashion at school;
- Fostering a sense of belonging; and
- Developing mutual respect among students through minimising visible evidence of economic or social differences.

The official school colours of BSSS are red, grey and red check. The school uniform reflects these official school colours.

### **Loan Uniforms**

Loan uniforms are available for students whose uniforms become unwearable during the day as well as to those who do not comply with the uniform requirements. We request students return these to the office washed within 2 days of wear.

### **Administration of the policy**

There will be a two-week period of grace at the beginning of the school year to allow for any late purchase of uniforms. Students who are out of school uniform for any legitimate reason should bring a note to their classroom teacher when they arrive in the morning. If students are out of uniform, a note will be sent home advising of the school policy and requesting the student come in uniform.