



Student Dress Code Policy

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Related Department for Education policies, procedures, guidelines, standards, frameworks	Department for Education Uniform and Dress Code guidelines
Related Riverbanks College B-12 policies, procedures, standards	Positive Behaviour policy
Responsibility	School Leadership and Governing Council

Rationale

We believe that a school uniform plays an important role in promoting a positive image of the school and creating a sense of identity and belonging for our students, both at school and in the community. All students, parents and staff have a role to play in working collaboratively to encourage compliance with the school uniform and dress code standards.

We believe that we have created a vibrant, comfortable, inclusive, functional and affordable school uniform that meets the needs of all of our students.

The design and concept of our school uniform was determined locally by the school principal and the governing council, supported by student and community consultation.

All decisions made considered the diverse nature of our student population as to not disadvantage or exclude any student or family. The economic, personal, social, and cultural factors affecting students and their families was and will always be a key consideration when deciding on items of uniform.

In making decisions about the dress code our governing council has and will always consider the cost of compliance and include financial strategies to keep these costs as low as practical for families.

Uniform Compliance

Positive reinforcement and encouraging responsible behavior, school connection and belonging are the preferred approaches to ensuring students comply with the school's dress code, however, the principal must enforce the dress code and may take appropriate disciplinary action when students intentionally and persistently ignore reasonable requests to comply with the dress code.

If students are persistently failing to comply with the dress code, we will work collaboratively with parents/caregivers to overcome potential barriers to compliance. However, if students consistently choose to actively, and willingly, fail to follow school expectations by wearing non-uniform items, uniform infringements will be recorded. Consistent refusal to follow expectations around wearing of uniform will result in follow up from leadership and consequences will result if changes in behaviour are not seen. Students attending school that are wearing non-uniform items will be expected to spend break times in an assigned, alternative, indoor space.

Acceptable Uniform Items

Students are only permitted to wear items from our school uniform selection - as seen in our catalogue below. Bags are an optional item. Students can wear a plain black or navy long sleeve shirt (no hoodies or jumpers) under their polo shirt if they wish.

Agreed Variation to Uniform Items

Students undertaking the Senior SAASTA (South Australian Aboriginal Secondary Training Academy) program are permitted to wear full official SAASTA uniform on days in which they are timetabled to engage with SAASTA classes.

Students undertaking classes in the RBC AFL Specialist program are permitted to wear the Specialist AFL T-Shirt during AFL lessons however are required to change in and out of full RBC school uniform before and after timetabled lessons.

Students undertaking year 6 and 12 are permitted to wear official RBC graduating (celebration) clothing items in addition to the official RBC Uniform items.

Shoes/Socks

Students are required to wear closed shoes that are predominantly white or black (i.e. sandshoes, skate shoes or school shoes). Platform shoes, thongs, Ugg Boots, slippers, Crocs and other “flip flop” type shoes are not acceptable. Navy, black, or white socks can be purchased from local shops or our uniform provider. Refusal to wear footwear outlined in the dress code will result in higher level consequences due to associated safety concerns.

Tights

Plain black or navy tights/leggings must only be worn underneath the school dress or shorts, but are not to be worn as a single pant item. If tights are worn without the school dress over the top it will be deemed as refusing to wear correct uniform.

Jewellery

Jewellery items and any make up should be discrete and be appropriate for a work/school environment. Dangly and bulky jewellery items are not permitted.

Riverbanks College R-12 Uniform

SHORT SLEEVE POLO | #37227

PRODUCT CODE: P20A
DESCRIPTION: PANEL POLO
SUPPLIER: BSA (P7)



SCHOOL RUGBY TOP | #37485

PRODUCT CODE: P40
DESCRIPTION: RUGBY TOP (WITH GUSSET)
SUPPLIER: BSA
COLOUR: CUSTOM STRIPE



LONG SLEEVE POLO | #37228

PRODUCT CODE: P20A L
DESCRIPTION: PANEL POLO
SUPPLIER: BSA (P7)



SCHOOL BOSS TOP | #37484

PRODUCT CODE: P574
DESCRIPTION: SINGLE CUT BOSS TOP
SUPPLIER: BSA

**SELWYN JACKET | #37486**

PRODUCT CODE: 1512 ADULT | 3512 KIDS
DESCRIPTION: SELWYN JACKET
SUPPLIER: AUSSIE PACIFIC
COLOUR: NAVY

**PRE-SCHOOL POLO | #37487**

PRODUCT CODE: 2KP
DESCRIPTION: PIQUE POLO
SUPPLIER: JBS WEAR
COLOUR: NAVY

**SUMMER DRESS | #38246**

PRODUCT CODE: P545
DESCRIPTION: SUMMER DRESS
SUPPLIER: BSA
COLOUR: 7149 BATCH 11777



SKORT | #37489

PRODUCT CODE: SOR09TEP
DESCRIPTION: HARLIN SKORT
SUPPLIER: SPARTAN
COLOUR: NAVY

**FORMAL SHORTS | #37491**

PRODUCT CODE: SHOG9910
DESCRIPTION: BASIC SCHOOL SHORTS
SUPPLIER: SPARTAN
COLOUR: NAVY

**PE SHORTS | #37490**

PRODUCT CODE: 1602
DESCRIPTION: PONGEE SHORTS
SUPPLIER: AUSSIE PACIFIC
COLOUR: NAVY

**BASIC PANTS | #37493**

PRODUCT CODE: TROG9116
DESCRIPTION: BASIC PANTS
SUPPLIER: SCAGS
COLOUR: NAVY



TRACK PANTS | #37494

PRODUCT CODE: TP409M
DESCRIPTION: RAZOR TRACK PANTS
SUPPLIER: BIZ COLLECTION
COLOUR: NAVY



PANTS | #38475

PRODUCT CODE: PAN7501
DESCRIPTION: STRAIGHT LEG PANTS
SUPPLIER: MIDFORD
COLOUR: NAVY



PANTS | #38475

PRODUCT CODE: P664
DESCRIPTION: TECHNIQUE TRACK PANTS
SUPPLIER: BSA
COLOUR: INK



BUCKET HAT | #37492

PRODUCT CODE: BUCHATADJ
DESCRIPTION: BUCKET HAT
SUPPLIER: SPARTAN
COLOUR: NAVY

**BACKPACK | #37495**

PRODUCT CODE: PPAKIII
DESCRIPTION: PHYSIO PACK
SUPPLIER: SPARTAN
COLOUR: NAVY

**Uniform Purchase**

School uniform items will be available for purchase from the Belgravia uniform shop at Riverbanks College and online through Belgravia Sports online shop.

Families experiencing financial hardship can contact the school finance manager to discuss payment options.

Exemption

Parents may seek exemption from the school dress code for a variety of reasons, including, but not limited to religious, cultural, and ethnic reasons.

Parents must provide a written request to the principal outlining the reasons for the exemption.

Review Provision

The principal may commence a review of the student dress code at any time. Students and parents of students enrolled at the school may write to the principal seeking a review when circumstances change significantly, or issues arise.

In 2022, the principal will seek formal support from the school governing council regarding this school dress code and in consultation with them commence a formal review process seeking feedback from students and parents of students enrolled at the school.

As part of any review process consultation with the school community will consider any additional financial, religious or cultural factors affecting students and their families.