

BELRIDGE SECONDARY COLLEGE



SCHOOL DRESS POLICY

Students attending Belridge Secondary College are required to be clean and appropriately dressed for all school activities.

The school has in place a student dress code which was implemented after wide consultation with parents, teachers and students. This dress code is vigorously supported by the School Council and has become part of the culture of the school.

Parents and students are informed of the requirements of the dress code prior to the student being enrolled. Acceptance of enrolment at Belridge Secondary College assumes an agreement between the school, the parent and the enrolling student that the student will conform to the school dress code.

Grounds for exemption from school dress requirements will be raised and agreement reached at the time of enrolment.

Grounds for modification are matters relating to student health, ethnic considerations, religion, or any other matter which, in the Principal's opinion, is sufficient to exempt a student from school dress requirements.

BELRIDGE SECONDARY COLLEGE DRESS POLICY – RESPONSIBILITIES

THE BEST OUTCOMES ARE ACHIEVED IN REACHING A GOAL WHEN THE SCHOOL, THE STUDENTS AND THE PARENTS KNOW THE RESPONSIBILITIES INVOLVED AND STRIVE FOR EXCELLENCE IN MEETING THEM. THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SCHOOL, THE STUDENTS AND HOW THE PARENTS CAN HELP WITH RESPECT TO THE SCHOOL'S DRESS POLICY ARE OUTLINED BELOW.

ELEMENTS	THE SCHOOL'S RESPONSIBILITIES	THE STUDENT'S RESPONSIBILITIES	HOW PARENTS CAN HELP
THE DRESS CODE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure that an appropriate school dress code is in place. Publicise and promote this clearly and widely throughout the school community. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Know the requirements of the school dress code. Understand that as a student in this school, you must conform to the school dress requirements. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be familiar with the school dress code. Know that students have to conform to school dress requirements unless an exception has been approved by the principal for religious, health or other valid reasons.
AVAILABILITY OF SCHOOL DRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Distribute order forms. Ensure that eligible parents are aware of, and make use of, the school clothing subsidy. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> With the help of parents, make sure you have enough items of school dress for everyday wear. Make sure that not all your school dress is in the wash at the same time. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure that there are enough items of school wear for every day. Supply written explanation, to the HOSS, if wearing of school dress is not possible on any particular day.
WEARING SCHOOL DRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure that all students know that they must wear school dress. Inform parents when students do not wear school dress. Ask students to change into school dress when there is repeated failure to wear school dress, or items of clothing are offensive due to odour, logos or slogans. Arrange a meeting with the parents if the problem persists. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wear school dress at all times. Expect to be sent to Student Services if you are not in school dress Expect to be told to change if you are out-of-school dress, The school may temporarily provide you with items of school dress. Expect a meeting with a parent, the Year Vice Principal and the HOSS if you are regularly in incorrect dress. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strongly remind your student of the obligation to wear school dress. Support the school by attending a meeting with the Year Vice Principal, HOSS and your student if requested.
PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORTING EVENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure students are informed of dress requirements. Ensure that students have adequate time to change in and out of Physical Education clothing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bring the required Physical Education school dress and change in and out of it before and after you have physical education. Do not wear Physical Education clothing to ordinary classes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure that your student has the Physical Education school dress.
OUT-OF-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inform students that they must be in school dress when going to, or coming from, out-of-school activities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be in school dress for out-of-school activities unless otherwise instructed. Expect to be excluded from the activity if you are not dressed appropriately. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be aware of the school's requirements. Encourage the wearing of school dress.
SANCTIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inform students that they will be excluded from class and out-of-school activities if they do not conform to the school dress requirements and do not provide a written explanation to the HOSS. This will include normal class, work experience, outdoor education venues, camps, the school ball, excursions and similar activities where students represent the school. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wear school dress at all times. Be prepared to be excluded from class and out-of-school activities if you do not conform to the school dress code. Change your attitude to avoid future sanctions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Don't let the problem develop to this situation. Work with the school to solve the problem, don't blame the school. Realise that a change in the student's attitude will avoid the problem in the future.

SCHOOL DRESS REQUIREMENTS

The law governing compulsory school dress has been endorsed by parents, students and teachers. Wearing school dress minimises the following aspects of school life:

1. Students competing with each other to wear more expensive clothing with popular designer labels and the consequent pressure on parents to purchase this type of clothing as school wear.
2. The formation of cult groups based on dress and the unacceptable behaviour that can be generated by such a group.
3. The overall cost of dressing students for school.
4. Non-students entering the school campus, as they will be easily recognised.

The school colours are: NAVY BLUE, RED and WHITE. The school dress has been designed to incorporate these colours.

1) Everyday Wear

- (a) Navy blue shorts, skirt, trousers or tracksuit pants (no stripes and insignia must be smaller than a 20 cent piece).
- (b) Plain red or white polo tops showing a school logo must be worn at all times.
- (c) Navy blue windcheaters or navy blue hooded jackets for cooler months, or navy blue rain jackets for wet weather.
- (d) Hats or caps for outside activities.
Note: Hats or caps may not be worn inside.
- (e) Enclosed footwear that conforms to safety standards (Ugg boots do not conform to safety standards).
- (f) Stockings/nylons must be non patterned black, navy blue, red or white.
- (g) Undershirts must be navy blue, red or white
- (h) Socks must be no higher than mid shin

2) Formal Wear

Students representing the school at civic functions, formal ceremonies and other special occasions must wear a school blazer, white shirt with a red tie, and navy blue trousers or skirt, with formal footwear. The school has a range of these articles available for student use.

3) Physical Education

A change of navy blue shorts, skirt or track pants and a house polo shirt with a house logo.

4) Unacceptable Student Dress

- (a) All items of clothing, and colours not listed as part of the school dress requirements.
- (b) Any items of clothing in a dirty, torn or smelly condition.
- (c) Leggings of any sort.
- (d) Any items the Administration deems to be inappropriate.