

BELRIDGE SECONDARY COLLEGE



DRESS POLICY

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

The college 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 Student Council and has become part of the culture of the college.

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 college, the parent and the enrolling student that the student will conform to the college dress code.

Grounds for exemption from college 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 college dress requirements.

BELRIDGE SECONDARY COLLEGE DRESS POLICY – RESPONSIBILITIES

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

ELEMENTS	THE COLLEGE'S RESPONSIBILITIES	THE STUDENT'S RESPONSIBILITIES	HOW PARENTS CAN HELP
THE DRESS CODE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure that an appropriate college dress code is in place. Publicise and promote this clearly and widely throughout the college community. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Know the requirements of the college dress code. Understand that as a student in this college, you must conform to the college dress requirements. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be familiar with the college dress code. Know that students have to conform to college dress requirements unless an exception has been approved by the principal for religious, health or other valid reasons.
AVAILABILITY OF COLLEGE DRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Distribute Uniform Concepts flyer. Ensure that eligible parents are aware of, and make use of, the college clothing subsidy. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> With the help of parents, make sure you have enough items of college dress for everyday wear. Make sure that not all your college dress is in the wash at the same time. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure that there are enough items of college wear for every day. Supply written explanation, to the HOSS, if wearing of college dress is not possible on any particular day.
WEARING COLLEGE DRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure that all students know that they must wear college dress. Inform parents when students do not wear college dress. Ask students to change into college dress when there is repeated failure to wear college 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 college dress at all times. Expect to be sent to Student Services if you are not in college dress Expect to be told to change if you are out-of-college dress, The college may temporarily provide you with items of college 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 college dress. Support the college 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 clothing 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 college dress.
OUT-OF-COLLEGE ACTIVITIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inform students that they must be in college dress when going to, or coming from, out-of-college activities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be in college dress for out-of-college 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 college's requirements. Encourage the wearing of college dress.
SANCTIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inform students that they will be excluded from class and out-of-college activities if they do not conform to the college dress requirements and do not provide a written explanation to the HOSS. This will include normal class, work experience, outdoor education venues, camps, the college ball, excursions and similar activities where students represent the college. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wear college dress at all times. Be prepared to be excluded from class and out-of-college activities if you do not conform to the college 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 college to solve the problem, don't blame the college. Realise that a change in the student's attitude will avoid the problem in the future.

COLLEGE DRESS REQUIREMENTS

The law governing compulsory college dress has been endorsed by the College Board, parents, students and teachers. Wearing college dress minimises the following aspects of college 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 college 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 college.
4. Non-students entering the college campus, as they will be easily recognised.

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

1) Everyday Wear

- (a) Navy blue shorts or skirt of a modest length, trousers or tracksuit pants (no stripes, and insignia must be smaller than a 20 cent piece).
- (b) Belridge SC Senior College or Middle College polo top must be worn at all times.
- (c) Belridge SC jacket or a plain navy blue jumper (no markings / writing) for wet or cold 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 or navy blue.
- (g) Undershirts must be navy blue or white. (No hooded jumpers under college tops).
- (h) Socks must be no higher than mid shin.

2) Formal Wear

Students representing the college at civic functions, formal ceremonies and other special occasions must wear a college blazer, white shirt with a red tie, and navy blue trousers or skirt, with formal footwear. The college 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 red PE shirt.

4) Unacceptable Student Dress

- (a) All items of clothing, and colours not listed as part of the college 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.