

# Uniform Policy



## Introduction

Our school uniform provides a smart, distinctive and functional way of identifying members of our school community. It assists in the development of 'Respect for Self' by specific attention to dress and creates a sense of connectedness to Balwyn High School (BHS). Our uniform also provides immediate identification of unauthorised persons in the school buildings and grounds which ensures a safe and secure environment for our students and staff.

Balwyn High School has a strong culture of school uniform which is endorsed by the School Council. Belonging to Balwyn High School has many advantages and benefits, but for students and parents it also brings the responsibility of being fully committed to the student wearing the full school uniform correctly and with pride 'all day every day'. Please read the uniform information and familiarise yourself with the requirements of both the summer uniform and the winter uniform.

## General Appearance

All students are expected to dress in complete school uniform and to present a neat appearance, with shirts tucked in at all times, unless the BHS tailored shirt is being worn in the summer months. This also applies when there are excursions, and general assemblies, unless permission to the contrary has been given by the Principal. Students are required to wear complete school uniform when travelling to and from school. A uniform pass will not excuse students from wearing a complete school uniform on excursions, including sport.

1. Blazers are worn as outer garments by all students on all school occasions, to and from school and at general assemblies, and on all school excursions unless otherwise stated. Year 12 students may wear their navy blue Year 12 jumper as an outer garment only in Term 1 and Term 4 with blazers being worn as the outer garment during Term 2 and Term 3.
2. A watch may be worn, but no jewellery. However, if ears are pierced, one plain sleeper or small gold stud may be worn. A ring, sleeper or stud may not be worn on any other part of the face.
3. If hair is long, it may, for reasons of safety, be required to be tied back in certain classes. Certain hair styles and hair colourings are not acceptable at BHS and the principal reserves the right to determine what is permissible.
4. There are to be no visible tattoos.
5. All articles of clothing, including shoes, must be clearly named.
6. 'Cross trainers' are to be worn in PE and Sport classes and may be worn in the yard at recess and lunchtime for the purpose of playing games, but they are not acceptable as a replacement for school shoes at other times. School shoes must have flat heels (see description below). See *Physical Education Uniform* for more information.
7. 'Out-of-uniform' days are sometimes held in order to raise money for social service. On such occasions, neat casual dress and neat safe footwear is permitted. The Principal reserves the right to decide what is permissible.
8. The school is very well heated and regulation school uniform should be adequate for warmth in winter.
9. Girls must wear their skirts/dresses at, or below knee length. The waistband of the skirt must not be folded up.
10. Make-up and nail polish are unsuitable for school and are not to be worn.
11. Boys must be clean shaven.
12. Students who do not meet the school's code of dress/appearance will not be permitted to participate in out-of-school activities or in those activities where visitors come to the school.
13. If the full PE uniform cannot be worn to school, the full school uniform must be worn. The school track suit and winter PE vest are the only approved over-garments for physical education or sport.
14. The School Council's preferred supplier of school uniform is Bob Stewart's of Kew, 201-217 High Street, Kew.
15. The Chaplaincy Committee operates the BHS Second-Hand Uniform Shop which provides an economical alternative to the purchase of new items. When students exit BHS, they can sell or donate their uniform through the second-hand uniform shop.
16. It is highly recommend that the BHS bag or equivalent backpack/trolley is used.



## Girls' Uniform

### Summer

Frock/Shorts	Summer dress or girls' tailored regulation grey BHS shorts, with long grey Trousers: walk socks or BHS Pinhead grey trousers with black socks (any other type of grey trousers are not acceptable) and BHS tailored short sleeve, with School crest on pocket. Belt with trousers – plain black leather
Blazer:	Navy with BHS crest
Socks:	White, knee-high or above the ankle
Shoes:	Black leather Oxford style lace-up shoes with low heels or T-bar sandals (Harrison Style)
Hair ribbons:	If worn, must be gold, white, green or navy
Cap:	School cap with crest (to be worn during Sunsmart period)
Pullover:	Plain green with school crest (navy in Year 12)

### Winter

	(Blazer, shoes and pullover, as for summer)
Skirt/Trousers:	BHS tartan with pleats either side, front and back or Pinhead grey trousers with black socks (any other type of grey trousers are not acceptable). Belt with trousers – plain black leather
Shirt:	White regulation Fairmark Gold label, long sleeve
Tights:	Black opaque tights
Hair ribbons:	If worn, must be gold, white, green or navy
Tie:	Compulsory for Terms 2 and 3. The top shirt button is to be done up and the tie fixed at the top under the collar

## Boys' Uniform

### Summer

Shorts/Trousers:	Boys' tailored regulation grey BHS shorts, with long grey walk socks or Pinhead grey trousers with black socks (any other type of grey trousers are not acceptable)
Belt:	Plain black leather
Blazer:	Navy, with BHS crest
Shirt:	BHS tailored short sleeve, with School crest on pocket
Shoes:	Black leather Oxford style lace-up shoes
Cap:	School cap with crest (to be worn during Sunsmart period)
Pullover:	Plain green with School crest (Navy in Year 12)

### Winter

	(Blazer, shoes, belt and pullover, as for summer)
Trousers:	Pinhead grey trousers with black socks (any other type of grey trousers are not acceptable) Shorts may not be worn as part of winter uniform
Shirt:	White regulation Fairmark Gold label, long sleeve
Tie:	Compulsory for Terms 2 and 3. The top shirt button is to be done up and the tie fixed at the top under the collar

### Accessories

Scarf (navy blue BHS scarf only), navy raincoat (optional), gloves (navy only), lanyard

Persistent non-compliance to the uniform policy will be subject to the disciplinary procedures. The school may also contact parents/guardians with a view to sending the student home if their appearance is unacceptable.

## Physical Education Uniform – boys and girls

BHS sport polo, sport shorts, Rugby top or spray jacket, polar fleece vest, track pants, sports cap (summer), sport socks (school strips). The PE uniform should be worn to school on PE/Sport/Sport competition days. The PE uniform must not be worn on any non-PE/Sport days. Students must wear sport uniform to all timetabled Physical



Education and Sport classes, and interschool sport. VCE students may only wear the PE uniform on days when they have timetabled practical classes.

