

STUDENT DRESS CODE POLICY - SECONDARY



HELP FOR NON-ENGLISH SPEAKERS

If you need help to understand this policy, please contact Timbarra P-9 College on (03) 9704 2744.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Secondary Student Dress Code is to outline Timbarra P-9 College's requirements for student dress and appearance and to provide information about uniform purchase and support, dress code implementation and exemption processes.

This dress code has been developed by Timbarra P-9 College's School Council in close consultation with our school community over time to ensure that it respects the rights of individual students whilst reflecting the values and interests of our community.

The Student Dress Code aims to:

- Provide a uniform that is simple, practical, economical and accessible to all students.
- Provide an effective means for students to positively identify with the school and develop a sense of pride and connection with the College through the wearing of a distinctive uniform.
- Ensure that the College uniform does not restrict or discourage participation in areas of the curriculum.
- Provide a uniform comprised of good-quality items.

SCOPE

Students are expected to comply with this Student Dress Code while travelling to and from school, during school hours and when attending school activities. Students are expected to wear full school uniform during recess and lunchtime breaks.

UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE

Parents and students will have primary responsibility for ensuring that the College uniform is worn. The full list of Timbarra P-9 College's compulsory uniform items is detailed in Appendix A.

GENERAL APPEARANCE

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, all students must comply with the following:

- Uniforms must be clean and in good repair.
- Uniforms should be clearly marked with the owner's name.
- Additional layers of clothing may be worn underneath the uniform for added warmth, provided these undergarments are completely hidden.
- Religious head coverings must be **plain** navy blue, black, red or white.
- Scarves must be **plain** navy blue, black, red or white.

SECONDARY SPECIFIC INFORMATION

- Socks/ankle socks must be plain navy, black or white.
- Undergarments beneath shorts, skirts, or dresses should never be visible. Long sleeve t-shirts are not permitted to be worn underneath the white shirt or PE polo top. (Unless an exception is granted)
- Tights must be navy blue in colour.
- Skirts/dresses must be at a minimum mid-thigh length when standing for all natural movements required in a school day, inclusive of all curriculum and non-curriculum activities. The College reserves the right to advise the student on acceptable lengths where necessary and advise on changes where required.

SECONDARY SPECIFIC INFORMATION CONTINUED

- Shorts must be the regulation grey tailored school shorts. No 'short' shorts, non-approved sports shorts, or casual wear. The length of the school shorts must be closer to the knee than the hip.
- Long pants must be either the Timbarra Logo navy blue track pants or regulation grey school pants. No cargo pants or other colours/logos are permitted.
- Secondary students are strongly encouraged to wear a plain, navy hat when outside from August to April as per the College SunSmart policy.
- Footwear must be all black, fully enclosed shoes with either laces and/or Velcro, with a non-marking black sole of the shoe. Different coloured logos are not permitted. No dance/ballet style shoe, no boots and no "slip-on" type shoe will be allowed.
- If the item of clothing does not appear on the Beleza Uniform Storyboard, it is not permitted to be worn at school. Eg. Puffer vest or jacket, hooded jumper.

SECONDARY SPORTS UNIFORM

- Students are expected to wear their Sports Uniform for all PE classes.
- Students are permitted to wear their Sports Uniform all day on days where they have a scheduled PE class.
- Students must have sports shoes (i.e. runners, sneakers, trainers) for all practical PE. Street shoes are not acceptable.
- Where a student's sports shoes are a colour other than black, they are to swap into these shoes for the PE session.
- A plain, navy blue cap/hat should be worn for PE where appropriate.

SPORTS and MUSCIC ACAMEMY

- On Academy Day (Wednesday), students in the Music Academy are permitted to wear their Academy t-shirt all day. All other items must be correct school uniform.
- On Academy Day (Wednesday), students will get changed into their Academy training clothes at the beginning of their session. Before this time, students are required to wear full school uniform.

JEWELLERY, BODY PIERCING AND HAIR

- Single pieces of small jewellery may be worn. For example, one thin necklace (2mm), a single bracelet and one small ring. Small religious pendants may be worn on a thin necklace (2mm).
- Students will be asked to remove excess jewellery.
- Multiple necklaces, heavy chain necklaces, necklaces with large costume pendants, multiple rings or bracelets, bracelets with charms are not permitted and students will be required to remove them. Students are strongly encouraged to leave expensive/precious items of jewellery at home in case of loss.
- Visible body piercing through the ear is acceptable. Earrings should be small and discrete. The following types of earrings are not acceptable: large fancy earrings, earrings that hang down, tapes, plugs, spacers, and earrings with large parts that stick out behind the ear.
- Students are allowed to wear one tiny (no wider than 2mm) stud in their nose piercing. All other forms of facial piercings are not permitted. If a student is wearing a non-permitted type of piercing, they either must remove it while at school, or wear a clear plastic stud in its place while at school.
- Please note that if a student gets any non-permitted piercing during term time, they will not be allowed to keep it in while the hole settles.
- Hair dyes that appear natural are accepted; however, it is not appropriate for students to dye their hair an unnatural colour that draws unnecessary attention.
- Extreme hairstyles are not allowed (for example, mohawks).
- Nail polish is permitted.
- Acrylic/fake nails and henna can only be worn to school for short periods of time (eg. two weeks) when the family has a special occasion. Families are asked to write a note for the teacher to explain this. Students will be required to remove the nails/henna if worn beyond a short period of time.
- Make up – any make up worn should be minimal and natural in nature. For example, skin toned concealer or foundation.

CASUAL DRESS DAYS

Each year we have a few Casual Dress days where the SRC raises money for causes by asking students to make a gold coin donation in exchange for not wearing school uniform. There is normally one day per term, and they are well advertised in advance of the day. If students choose to wear casual dress, they must follow these guidelines:

- Thongs, Crocs, open toe or similar footwear are never acceptable.
- T-shirts or tops with offensive messages or images are banned.
- The body piercing and hair colour guidelines must still be followed.
- The skirt/dress/shorts length of the uniform (mid-thigh, closer to knee than hip) must still be followed.
- No singlets are to be worn.
- Shoulders & abdomen must be covered.
- Students with PE must bring either PE uniform for that class or suitable clothing to participate in class activities.

PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS

Uniform items can be purchased from **Beleza School Uniform:**

- Address - 7/151-159 Princes Hwy, Hallam VIC 3803
- Phone – (03) 9702 3181
- Website – <https://beleza.com.au/>
- Email – beleza@beleza.com.au [file:///7955afs01.education.vic.gov.au/Users/Jasmine/Policies and Other Documents/Policies/officer@noone.com.au](file:///7955afs01.education.vic.gov.au/Users/Jasmine/Policies%20and%20Other%20Documents/Policies/officer@noone.com.au)

Second Hand Uniform Shop operates at the College:

- Every second Tuesday 2:15pm
- Please call the College to confirm the dates for each term 9704 2744

The School Council has considered affordability in the development of this dress code. However, if you are facing difficulty meeting uniform costs the [Help with school costs and fees](#) page provides advice on support offered by the Victorian Government. If your child is starting prep or year 7 and is eligible to receive support via the [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund](#), you may be eligible to access the Affordable School Uniform (ASU) program.

Please contact the Wellbeing Team to discuss additional supports that we may be able to provide.

IMPLEMENTATION

Timbarra P-9 College will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website and at regular intervals through assemblies, newsletters, Compass, etc. We will assist students who may be experiencing difficulties complying with this policy where possible.

If a student is out of uniform on a particular day, a signed and dated note explaining the reason is required. Students will be offered the loan of uniform items to replace the non-uniform item when appropriate. Hoodies **are not** permitted as a substitute for the College jumper. Long-term passes are not appropriate as the College is a uniform school.

Measures taken by Timbarra P-9 College to address concerns about student non-compliance with the Student Dress Code will also be addressed in accordance with our Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy.

EXEMPTIONS TO STUDENT DRESS CODE

We acknowledge that there might be instances where the enforcement of this dress code could impact students differently.

Students and their parents or carers may apply in writing to the Principal for an exemption to this Student Dress Code if:

- an aspect of this code prevents the student from complying with a requirement of their religious, ethnic or cultural beliefs or background
- the student has a particular disability or health condition that requires a departure from the dress code

When the Principal receives a request for an exemption, they will:

- consider the grounds for the exemption request
- explain the process to the student and/or their parents/carers
- encourage the student and/or their parents/carers to support their application with evidence.

The Principal or delegate will then try to negotiate a resolution that is acceptable to all parties. If an exemption is not allowed, then written reasons will be provided to the student and/or their parents or carers.

Where a uniform exemption is granted, the alternative clothing will be within the school colours and not have any logos or writing.

CONCERNS ABOUT THIS STUDENT DRESS CODE

Timbarra P-9 College welcomes feedback from the school community in relation to this Student Dress Code. If you have a concern or complaint about the Student Dress Code, further information about raising a concern or complaint is available in our school's Parent Complaint Policy, available on our College [website](#).

COMMUNICATION

This policy will be communicated to our College community in the following ways:

- Available publicly on our school's website
- Reminders in our school newsletter and Compass Education portal
- Discussed in student forums
- Included in staff handbook/manual
- Discussed at staff briefings/meetings as required
- Included in transition and enrolment packs
- Discussed at parent information nights/sessions
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Timbarra P-9 College - SunSmart Policy
- Timbarra P-9 College - Complaint Policy
- Timbarra P-9 College - Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy
- Department of Education and Training - [Student Dress Code](#)
- Department of Education and Training - [Student Engagement policies and guidelines](#)

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

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STUDENT DRESS CODE POLICY

APPENDIX A

EVERYDAY UNIFORM (YEAR 7 TO 9)



Knitted Jumper



Soft Shell Spray Jacket



Rugby Top



Short Sleeve Blouse



Short Sleeve College Shirt



Long Sleeve Blouse



Long Sleeve College Shirt



Gaberdine Shorts



Chino Shorts



Gaberdine Pants



Chino Pants



Sports Track Pants with Cuffs



Summer Dress



Winter Skirt

SPORTS UNIFORM



Sports Mesh Top



Sports Mesh Shorts

ACCESSORIES



Micro Fibre Adjustable Hat



Ankle Socks
Black, Navy OR White



Knee High Socks
Black, Navy OR White



Winter Tights



Black Leather
Lace Up Shoes



Black Sneakers

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