

# Brinbeal Secondary College Student Dress Code



## Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy, please contact the General Office.

## PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Brinbeal Secondary 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 Brinbeal Secondary College's School Council in close consultation with our school community 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:

- foster a sense of community and belonging and encourages students to develop pride in their appearance
- support Brinbeal Secondary College's commitment to ensuring that our students feel equal and are dressed safely and appropriately for school activities.
- enhance the profile and identity of the school and its students within the wider community.

The School Council has developed a dress code that we believe provides a range of choices for students and is cost effective for families.

## CONTEXT STATEMENT

Located in the Wyndham growth corridor of Tarneit, Brinbeal Secondary College provides students from the Tarneit community a wide range of diverse and outstanding opportunities in an orderly and inclusive learning environment that promotes and fosters educational attainment and academic excellence for all.

Brinbeal Secondary College is a Supported Inclusion School (SIS). A SIS is a local government school with additional professional capabilities and facilities designed to cater to a higher proportion of students with disability (up to 10%). Students with a disability will be provided with enhanced support to receive high-quality, evidence-based educational provision alongside their peers without disability in a safe, accessible and supportive environment.

Brinbeal Secondary College can enrol 1,300 students, including 100 places for students with disability.

## SCOPE

Students are expected to comply with this Student Dress Code while traveling to and from school, during school hours and when attending school activities.

## UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE

Brinbeal Secondary College's school uniform items are as follows:

- black school pants

- black school shorts
- school skirt
- school dress
- black Lavalava/Sulu
- school jumper – ¼ zip or rugby
- plain white shirt or shirt with school logo
- school polo shirt
- school jacket – soft shell or puffer jacket or vest – with school logo
- black shoes (must be fully black and enclosed) - see images below for examples
- black, white or grey socks



### General appearance

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

- Uniforms must be clean and in good repair
- Uniforms must 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.

Additional items students may wear whilst at school:

- scarf in school colours
- headwear in school colours
- black leggings, stockings or tights – worn under dress, skirt or shorts
- white or black long-sleeved t-shirt - worn under uniform
- appropriate sporting attire and runners for physical education practical classes – this will include the College polo shirt and black tracksuit pants or shorts.

### Jewellery

Jewellery should be simple and keep in mind health and safety requirements whilst at school. Students may be required to remove items of jewellery not deemed safe during practical classes.

### Hair and Sun safety

Hair should be tied back when participating in practical activities such as cooking or science experiments.

As we are a secondary school, we expect students to take responsibility for being sun smart by wearing a school hat during outdoor activities or staying in the shade, if they are not wearing sunscreen. Students are permitted to wear sunglasses during outdoor activities. Sunglasses should be close-fitting, wrap-around that meet the Australian Standards 1067 and cover as much of the eye area as possible.

## PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS

Uniform items can be purchased from **Rushfords Schoolwear**, Shop 1/13 Barnes Place, Werribee, at school during publish uniform shop hours, or parents may order it directly from

<https://www.noone.com.au/shop/find-my-school/>

## SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES EXPERIENCING DIFFICULTY

Please contact the General Office to discuss support that we may be able to provide to families experiencing difficulty meeting uniform costs, including information about eligibility for uniform support through State Schools' Relief. Further information about State Schools' Relief is also available on their website:

<https://www.ssr.net.au/>

Brinbeal Secondary College also has uniforms available to families to borrow on request. Please note if the item is not returned, charges will be added to the family's account.

## IMPLEMENTATION

Brinbeal Secondary College will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website and via the school newsletter. We will assist students who may be experiencing difficulties complying with this policy where possible.

If a student is unable to wear uniform on a single day due to unforeseen circumstances (eg damaged, wet or dirty uniform) the student must provide their Mentor teacher with a signed note from their parent/carer. Parents/carers may also contact the school via phone. This will be recorded as a chronicle entry on Compass. It will be expected that students are back in correct uniform the following day.

Students wearing non-compliant uniform items who do not have written or verbal parent confirmation may be asked to change into a compliant item of clothing provided by the school.

If a student is out of school uniform or otherwise breaches the Student Dress Code on a recurring basis, a chronicle will be added to the student's Compass page and a lunchtime detention may be issued. Parents will be notified by the Mentor teacher. If non-compliance with the dress code becomes a continued occurrence, the Student Engagement Leader will be informed and a parent meeting may be required. In this event, the school will work with the student and family to support compliance. Please note that uniform exemptions for longer than one day will only be issued in exceptional circumstances and by Year Level Coordinators.

Measures taken by Brinbeal Secondary 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 recognise that there may be situations where the application of this dress code may affect students unequally.

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.

## CONCERNS ABOUT THIS STUDENT DRESS CODE

Brinbeal Secondary 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 the school website.

## COMMUNICATION

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

- Available publicly on our school's website (or insert other online parent/carers/student communication method)
- Reminders in our school newsletter
- Discussed in student forums
- Discussed at staff briefings/meetings as required
- Discussed at parent information nights/sessions
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

## FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Brinbeal Secondary College Parent Complaint Policy
- Brinbeal Secondary 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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| Policy last reviewed       | November 2023                                                             |
| Consultation               | Consultation will occur with Student Voice once the school opens in 2024. |
| Approved by                | School Council                                                            |
| Next scheduled review date | November 2026                                                             |