



BENTON JUNIOR COLLEGE UNIFORM AND DRESS CODE POLICY



Rationale

The Benton Junior College (BJC) College Council requires all children to wear the Benton school uniform during school hours, while travelling to and from school, on school excursions and when they are engaged in school activities out of school hours.

Aims

We are proud of our school uniform which is readily identified within our broader community, and when children are on excursion away from our school. Wearing a school uniform can:

- help your child feel they belong in their school by promoting a sense of identity;
- provide students an equity of status in terms of clothing, avoiding comparison and competition;
- assist school staff to easily identifying students while on school excursions;
- give children a sense of pride in their school;
- help children develop an awareness of the need for sun protection; and
- maintain and enhance the positive image of the school in the community.

Implementation

The BJC College Council is responsible for Policy and Policy revisions.

- parents, teachers and students are responsible for ensuring that the appropriate uniform is worn, clean and well maintained;
- items from the approved uniform list (refer to Appendix 1) can be purchased from the supplier; Primary School Wear School (PSW). Order forms are available on the PSW website listed below
- the Student Dress Code, including details of uniform items and places of purchase, will be published on the school's website;
- the wearing of the designated school uniform (Refer to Appendix) is compulsory for all students at BJC;
- the designated uniform supports the Physical Education Policy and Sun-Smart Policy;
- students will wear their school/sports uniform in order to be able to represent the school in sports teams, music groups, school choirs, school photographs, excursions, etc unless authorised by school personnel;
- the College Council requires that the Principal be responsible for the implementation of the Uniform Policy and dress requirements in a manner consistent with the Student Code of Conduct;
- Year 6 students have the opportunity to purchase a distinctive polo shirt to reflect their status as the senior students of the school;
- arrangements can be made by parents consulting with a member of the Principal Team to supply items of school uniform through State Schools Relief fund or other agencies for families experiencing significant hardship;
- parents seeking exemptions to the uniform and Dress Code due to religious belief, ethnic or cultural background, student disability, health condition or significant hardship must apply in writing to the College Council for consideration;
- parents and guardians are required to provide a signed and dated explanatory note to their child's teacher when their child is out of uniform. If this is not provided an Out Of School Uniform Notice (refer to Appendix 2) will be sent home by the child's teacher requesting the parent's support; and
- the College Council or Principal may grant alternate clothes days.

Jewellery

The only jewellery permitted to be worn are one set of small single sleepers or studs in the lower earlobes and watches. To maintain the safety of all children during a variety of school activities, no other jewellery is permitted including necklaces and bracelets, anklets, rings on fingers or toes. No earrings studs of any kind

are permitted in the nose, eyebrow, tongue or other area of the face, and are not permitted if they are clear or covered with a band aid. Tattoos either permanent or temporary are not permitted.

Hair

For health and safety, students' long hair (below shoulder length) is required to be tied back using hair-ties and/or a ribbon or scrunchies of either navy, cobalt, or tangerine (orange) may be used. Head scarves are not permitted, unless due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural backgrounds. Student hair needs to be regularly washed, kept clean and neat. Hair colour must be a natural colour and extreme hair colours (for example pink, green, purple rinses) and/or extreme hair styles including spikes, mohawks, shaved heads, dreadlocks are not permitted.

Footwear

School shoes are black and may be either canvas or leather. Black shoe laces are to be worn, no bright fluoro coloured laces are permitted. Navy ankle socks are to be worn (no visible branding).

Makeup

Both makeup and coloured nail polish are not permitted. Clear nail polish is acceptable. Artificial nails are not permitted.

School Bag

We strongly encourage the use of the BJC school bag for all students. No graffiti on school bags is permitted.

Windcheaters and Leggings

Windcheaters and leggings are not replacements to college uniform. Uniform hoodies may be worn at college anytime throughout the year. Sporting Club merchandise such as netball, basketball and football windcheaters and jackets are not school uniform and must not be worn to school. Snow Camp and HPV hoodies can be worn at specific times as outlined by the principal and coordinator of these events.

Hats

For protection from the sun, students are required to wear the school's hat during terms 1 and 4, or at other times deemed necessary to comply with the school's SunSmart Policy. Hats are to be maintained in good condition. Damaged and graffitied hats will be sent home and families will be asked to purchase a new hat. Hats are available for sale at both the school office and PSW.

Lost Items

The College will make provision for the return of lost property and College uniform items that are labelled with the student's name. Parents are required to clearly label all items of uniform with their child's name in waterproof ink. The College does not accept responsibility for lost or damaged items students bring to college, on excursion or school camp.

Primary School Wear: Supplier of our college uniform

Our College Council has arranged to provide good quality clothing for children at the best rates available. There is a large choice of uniform items available. The College Council has authorised Primary School Wear (PSW) as the supplier of the correct school uniform for BJC. Please refer to the PSW website for all school uniform clothing.

Primary School Wear Uniform shop, located at 1/22 Watts Road, Mornington is open Monday to Friday 9:00am to 5:00pm, and Saturdays 9.00am to 1.00pm. Phone 03 9768 0346, <https://www.psw.com.au/schools/benton-junior-college.html>

Should parents experience difficulty meeting the cost of uniform items, they are encouraged to discuss the matter with their child's teacher, and if need, to arrange for further assistance by contacting our college office.

Second Hand Uniform

The College offers a second-hand uniform shop for selected pieces of school uniform. Parents are encouraged to contact our college office to purchase second hand uniform items.

Compliance with Uniform Policy and school dress code

A copy of the college's Uniform Policy and Dress Code will be provided for all new enrolments and is available on the school website.

Together, we encourage all children and their families to support our college uniform. When a student is unable to wear the correct college uniform we ask that parents provide a written note to the child's teacher. In cases of persistent breaches of the uniform and dress code, college staff will:

- speak privately to the student to encourage him/her to observe the college dress code.
- provide advice to parents and an Out of Uniform note will be sent home seeking parent and guardian cooperation and adherence to student dress requirements.
- parents may then, if necessary be contacted by college staff to remedy the situation.

The staff at Benton Junior College will work with families on an individual basis who require alterations to the outlined Uniform and Dress Code Policy based on religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural backgrounds.

Policy updated by College Council	February 2023
Date to review policy	February 2026


Appendix 1

Benton Junior College School Uniform

Tops			
	<i>Micromesh Polo with Contrast Panel</i>	<i>Long Sleeve Micromesh Polo with Contrast Panels</i>	<i>Short Sleeve Micromesh Polo with Contrast Panels (YEAR 6 ONLY)</i>
Jumpers & Jackets			
	<i>Hooded Windcheater</i>	<i>Tracksuiting Zip Jacket – 2 Colour Stripe Rib</i>	<i>Spray Jacket with Contrast Piping</i>
Shorts			
	<i>Gaberdine Zip Pocket Shorts</i>	<i>Mesh Sports Shorts</i>	

Pants			
	<i>Track Pants – Straight Leg</i>	<i>Classic Pants</i>	

Dresses & Skirts			
	<i>Summer Dress – Contrast Collar & Cuffs</i>	<i>Scooter Skort</i>	<i>Pleated Skirt</i>

Socks			
	<i>Navy Anklet Socks</i>		

Hats & Beanies			
	<i>Tangerine Bucket Hat Wide Brim</i>	<i>Rib Knit Beanie (optional)</i>	
Bags & Satchels			
	<i>Explorer Bag with Laptop Insert</i>	<i>Primary Pete School bag</i>	<i>Primary Pete Bookbag</i>

Accessories



Artsmock



Raincoat



Headband with Bow (optional)



Coloured Elastics (optional)



Multi Hair Accessories (optional)



Snap Hair Clips (optional)



Ribbon Bow on Elastic (optional)

Appendix 2



Out of School Uniform Notice

Date:

Student:

Year/Class:

Dear Mr / Mrs / Ms

This notice is to inform you that your child has been out of school uniform on more than one occasion. The Benton Junior College School Council requires all children to wear the Benton school uniform during school hours, while travelling to and from school, on school excursions and when they are engaged in school activities out of school hours.

You have received this notice as your child has not worn the following school uniform or dress code:

(Please tick the relevant item/s):

- Black shoes
- School jacket/hoodie
- Navy socks
- Natural hair colour
- Wearing makeup
- Untied long hair
- One set of sleepers or studs in lower earlobes
- Wearing jewellery

Your child's teacher has discussed the importance of wearing school uniform and encouraged your son/daughter to observe the school dress code. We now ask that you speak with your child and encourage them to wear correct school uniform each day.

Should your child be unable to wear the correct school uniform we ask that you provide a written note of explanation to your child's teacher.

Parents who may experience difficulty meeting the cost of uniform items are encouraged to contact a member of the principal team for further assistance.

Year Level Teacher: