

Student Dress Code

The Bellmere State School community has agreed on a school dress code for all students, which actively encourages students to take pride in themselves and their school. It is an expectation that upon student enrolment at Bellmere State School, parents will consent to uphold our Student Dress Code by way of signing the **Enrolment Agreement Form**.

Consistent student dress standards promote a powerful school identity and communicate a positive image of our school as a highly regarded community of learners. We expect that students proudly uphold this image of Bellmere State School with good standards of dress and behaviour at all times. The Bellmere State School Dress Code aims to contribute to a safe and supportive teaching and learning environment through:

- Ready identification of students at school
- Fostering a sense of belonging
- Developing mutual respect among students by minimising visible evidence of physical, economic or social differences
- Minimising exposure to hazards by adopting uniform items that enhance workplace health and safety practices
- Taking into consideration cultural and/or religious beliefs

Bellmere State School's Dress Code consists of an agreed set of standards and identifies the uniform our students wear when:

- Attending or representing their school
- Travelling to and from school
- Engaging in school activities out of school hours

At Bellmere State School, the expectation is that each day students:

- Wear one of the agreed Bellmere State School uniforms as outlined below
- Wear black fully-enclosed shoes with plain black shoelaces. Shoes must be suitable for participation in physical activity each day
- Wear navy blue plain full ankle socks
- Wear the Bellmere State School hat while engaged in outdoor activities (No Hat, No Play!)

Girls Uniform Options

- Unisex school polo shirt with Bellmere State School logo (P – Yr 6)
- Unisex sport shorts with Bellmere State School logo **OR** girls sport skort with Bellmere State School logo (P – Yr 6) – mandatory for P – Yr 3 and optional for Yr 4 – 6 **OR**
- Formal tailored navy skort with Bellmere State School logo for Yr 4 – 6

AND

- Formal button-up blouse with Bellmere State School logo (Yr 4 – 6)
- Formal tailored navy skort with Bellmere State School logo (Yr 4 – 6)

Girls Uniform Costs

Unisex school polo shirt with Bellmere State School embroidered logo	\$35.00
Unisex sport shorts with Bellmere State School embroidered logo	\$30.00
Girls sport skort with Bellmere State School (smaller) embroidered logo	\$30.00
Girls formal tailored navy skort with Bellmere State School embroidered logo	\$30.00
Girls formal button-up blouse with Bellmere State School embroidered logo	\$45.00
Bellmere State School embroidered logo hat, reversible in House colours with House name	\$20.00
Unisex Sports Polo shirt in House colours with House name and Bellmere State School	\$35.00
School Bag	\$40.00
Library Bag	\$11.00

Hair Accessories

Pinwheels	\$5.00
Korker	\$6.00
Flower Clip	\$6.00
Headband	\$6.00
Bun Wrap	\$8.00

Boys Uniform Options

- Unisex school polo shirt with Bellmere State School logo (P – Yr 6)
- Unisex sport shorts with Bellmere State School logo (P – Yr 6) – mandatory for P – Yr 3 and optional for Yr 4 – 6 **OR**
- Formal tailored navy shorts with Bellmere School logo (Yr 4 – 6)

AND

- Formal button-up shirt with Bellmere State School logo (Yr 4 – 6)
- Formal tailored navy shorts with Bellmere State School logo (Yr 4 – 6)

Boys Uniform Costs

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Sun Safe

Bikinis are not acceptable wear for swimming or swim-related activities. A one-piece swimming costume or board shorts with a swim shirt is the acceptable choice. U.V. protective swimwear is recommended. In line with Education Queensland's Sun Safety Strategy, children are required to wear swim shirts for all water activities. If parents are unable to provide a swim shirt, we will allow students to wear a t-shirt instead.

Jewellery

Students are permitted to wear only the following items:

- A watch
- **One** small plain stud or small plain sleeper of silver or gold in the lower lobe of one or both ears
- 1 small signet ring
- Medical alert bracelets
- Religious pendants by request of parent

Hair

Students are to wear their hair in a neat and tidy manner. Hair that is longer than shoulder length is to be tied up neatly in navy, teal, or purple hair bands, ribbon or scrunchy. Hair is not to be coloured and styles must be conservative (no mohawks, tracks, colour – instead a classic school boy haircut as per hairdresser code). The length of the fringe should not exceed the eyebrows so as not to impede learning or pose a safety risk.

Makeup

No makeup is to be worn to school. Coloured nail polish is not acceptable.

School Bag

Students are free to choose their own style of school bag, however, please label the bag with your child's name.

Uniform Options

Year Prep – Year 3

Everyday Uniform (worn 4-5 days per week)

- Bellmere State School unisex polo shirt with Bellmere State School logo
- Bellmere State School unisex sport shorts with Bellmere State School logo **OR** (for girls) Bellmere State School unisex sport skorts with Bellmere State School logo
- Navy blue plain full ankle socks
- Black Shoes
- School hat

Year 4 – Year 6

Everyday Uniform (worn 2-3 days per week)

- Bellmere State School unisex polo shirt with Bellmere State School logo
- Navy blue plain full ankle socks
- Black Shoes
- School hat
- Bellmere State School unisex sport shorts with Bellmere State School logo (optional) **OR**
- Bellmere State School unisex sport skorts with Bellmere State School logo (optional) **OR**
- Bellmere State School formal tailored navy skort with Bellmere State School logo (girls)
- Bellmere State School formal tailored navy short with Bellmere State School logo (boys)

Formal Uniform (worn 2 days per week)

- Formal button-up blouse with Bellmere State School logo (girls)
- Formal tailored navy skort with Bellmere State School logo (girls)
- Formal button-up shirt with Bellmere State School logo (boys)
- Formal tailored navy shorts with Bellmere State School logo (boys)
- Navy blue plain full ankle socks
- Black Shoes
- School hat

Sports Uniform

Sports house polo shirts, navy blue shorts/skorts, black joggers, navy blue ankle socks and Bellmere State School hats make up the sports uniform. Students will be able to wear the Bellmere State School sports uniform once per week (Friday only) and during school carnivals. Sporting house polo shirts will be optional, however the alternative to wearing the Bellmere State School sports house polo shirt is wearing the Bellmere State School unisex polo shirt.

PLEASE NOTE: The school dress code policy **DOES NOT** include any item of clothing or accessory, other than that included in the list of uniform items. For example:

- Jeans and non-school uniform jumpers are unacceptable (no hoods on jumpers)
- No denim, baggy / long style shorts that extend beyond the knee, board shorts, basketball or cargo style shorts are allowed
- No thongs, sandals, high heeled or slip on shoes can be worn
- No brightly coloured shoe laces
- No visible undershirts, mid-riffs, waistbands or sweatbands
- No facial piercings

- No footless stockings, patterned stockings, bike pants or leggings are acceptable
- No make-up or coloured nail polish, body markings made by felt pens, or visible tattoos
- No other colour hair accessories except for school colours

Correct Footwear Guide

Due to Workplace Health and Safety regulations, student footwear must provide adequate protection and cover the entire foot. Students attending Bellmere State School must wear black (100% black, no other colour) polishable leather **OR** vinyl joggers/shoes that area fully enclosed. Joggers are preferable as regular physical activity is part of the curriculum. Shoelaces must be black. Velcro fasteners are recommended for Prep students. **Suede or canvas shoes are not acceptable.**



Non-compliance with Student Dress Code Policy

A number of strategies may be employed by the school staff in the event students are non-compliant with the school's mandatory Student Dress Code. These strategies will be compliant with the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006.

Strategies include:

- Seeking parental support for compliance, e.g. letter or telephone call. This may include requesting correct uniform be brought to school for the student.
- Assisting students with genuine economic hardship to acquire uniform, e.g. uniform loan. Once the school is up and running, a pool of quality second hand uniforms will be held at the Uniform Shop for sale. The school may assist families with uniforms in emergency situations.
- Official school events will require compliance with the school uniform.
- Any child not able to wear the school uniform due to emergent situations (e.g. wet weather) should at least be dressed in school colours (navy blue, teal / purple) and bring a note to the classroom teacher.
- The school expects that children will wear the school uniform daily.
- All items must be the same style and colour as those sold from the school uniform shop.

Whatever the strategy implemented, it is the intention of the school Administration to ensure every student complies with the Student Dress Code policy every day. The Principal will record any agreement or any variation to the school uniform negotiated with individual families by official correspondence.

It is considered that the wearing of a school uniform allows our students to exhibit both a sense of identity and sense of unity. Certainly the wearing of the school uniform by our students reflects their pride in our school's standards, achievements and reputation within the community. The wearing of the school uniform at school and at community functions enhances the public's perception of our school and of our students. The manner in which our uniform is worn to present a neat and tidy appearance is an indication of individual pride in our school.

The Bellmere School community thanks you for supporting our high standards culture.

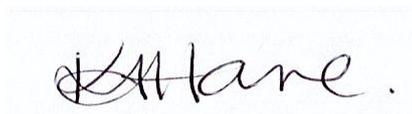
P & C Endorsement

This Dress Code was endorsed by the Bellmere State School Parent Consultation Committee in August 2015 and refined and endorsed by the Bellmere State School Parents & Citizens Committee in October 2015.

The P&C of Bellmere State School resolves that it supports a student dress code for Bellmere State School because it believes that a student dress code at Bellmere State School promotes the objectives of the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006.

In particular, the P&C of Bellmere State School supports the intention of this student dress code in providing a safe and supportive teaching and learning environment by:

- *Ready identification of students and non-students at school*
- *Fostering a sense of belonging*
- *Developing mutual respect among students by minimising visible evidence of economic or social differences, and*
- *Eliminating the distraction of competition in dress and fashion at school*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Hane", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

(P&C President)

28 July 2023