



## **BENTLEY PARK COLLEGE UNIFORM POLICY Years P-6**

When enrolling a student at Bentley Park College, parents should be aware that, in doing so, they are agreeing to support the College policy and procedures which apply at the time of enrolment.

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### **RATIONALE**

The Bentley Park College school community, through the Parents and Citizens Association, has resolved that it fully supports a student dress code policy because it:

- ensures our legal responsibilities are met re: Workplace Health and Safety requirements as enacted in relevant legislation and policy, eg in workshops, laboratories and outside activities where loose clothing or jewellery could be caught in machines, and protective footwear must be worn;
- promotes a positive image of the College to the local community (including potential employers for work placement), in demonstrating that the College has high expectations of its students and that all students take pride in themselves and their school;
- promotes a safe environment for learning by enabling ready identification of students and nonstudents of the College;
- promotes an effective learning environment by eliminating the distractions of competition in dress and fashion at the College;
- promotes a supportive environment at the College by promoting a sense of belonging;
- fosters mutual respect among individuals at the College by minimising visible evidence of economic or social differences.

### **CORRECT JUNIOR SCHOOL UNIFORM**

Students are to wear the blue Junior School polo shirt and plain maroon shorts. Girls are permitted to wear a maroon skirt or skort, with the polo shirt. A Junior School dress is available for the girls. All clothing is to be logo-free.

### **JEWELLERY**

- One flat ring
- One pair of studs or sleepers only (Other body piercing is inappropriate for a worksite.)
- One watch
- One item of neck jewellery may only be worn if it is of cultural or religious significance and it must be long enough to be tucked out of sight under the College shirt.

### **FOOTWEAR**

- Closed shoes with flat soles and socks OR flat soled sandals with back straps – NO THONGS.

### **SUN SAFE POLICY**

*Students are required to wear a maroon legionnaire's cap or maroon wide-brim hat which protects their face and back of the neck for outside curriculum activities. The 2 hats are available from the uniform shop.*

### **HAIR**

Hair should be neat. Long hair must be tied back for all practical lessons and activities.

### **CONSEQUENCES OF NOT WEARING THE CORRECT UNIFORM**

If a student does not attend school or school related activities in the correct uniform, Education Queensland policy (March 1999) fully supports the Principal or nominees in the following actions.

1. Requesting an explanation note from the parent that states why the student is out of uniform.
2. If the occurrence is repeated, reminding parents about the policy through a letter. Discussing the issues further if necessary.
3. *Students who do not have a hat are restricted to covered areas during play periods. "No hat, no play"*

The College and Parents and Citizens Association obviously prefer that ALL parents will fully support

this policy in the current and future interests of ALL students for the reasons explained in the Rationale.

**EXEMPTIONS**

The only exceptions to this policy are students whose physical impairments prevent their ability to conform to the dress code or students whose families have religious or cultural grounds for conscientious objection. In such cases, these students will be provided with an exemption card. They must, however, wear clothing and footwear conforming to WHS requirements if they wish to participate in laboratory, workshop or outside activities.

**NOTE**

If parents have any objection or suggestions regarding this policy or procedures, they should contact the College Principal or P&C President to arrange a time to present their point of view to the school community through the P&C Association meetings.