BUTLER PRIMARY SCHOOL

DRESS CODE and UNIFORM GUIDELINES

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Reference:

- *Dress Codes for Students in Public Schools Policy* (Effective 1 Jan 2018, Version 2.5, Last updated 15 April 2026)
- *Dress Codes for Students in Public Schools Procedures* (Effective 1 Jan 2018, Version 2.5, Last updated 15 April 2026)

Butler Primary School –
Student Dress Code and Uniform Guidelines

1. Purpose

The purpose of this Dress Code Guideline is to outline the expectations for student dress and presentation (hair, earrings and those forms of jewellery that extend beyond traditional ear piercings, studs, facial jewellery, nail polish, necklaces and other pierced or adorned jewellery) at Butler Primary School in accordance with the *Dress Codes for Students in Public Schools Policy* and its Procedures. The dress code aims to:

- promote a sense of identity and pride in the school
- support student safety and comfort
- ensure equity and inclusivity
- maintain standards that reflect community expectations
- support positive behaviour, engagement, and learning.

2. Principles

This guideline is guided by the following principles from the Department of Education:

- **Equity:** Dress requirements must not discriminate based on gender, religion, culture, disability, or socioeconomic circumstances.
- **Health and Safety:** Clothing, hair and any jewellery must support safe participation in all school activities.
- **Student Wellbeing:** Dress requirements, including hair, any jewellery must consider comfort, climate, and student dignity.
- **Consultation:** The school community, including the School Board, staff, parents, and students, must be involved in establishing and reviewing the dress code.
- **Affordability:** Options must be reasonably priced and accessible.
- **Consistency:** Expectations must be clearly communicated and applied fairly.

3. Engagement and Endorsement

The Butler Primary School Dress Code has been developed through engagement with:

- the School Board
- staff
- students (where appropriate)
- the wider school community.

The School Board (Date endorsed: 2023) formally endorses the Dress Code and any subsequent amendments.

4. Dress Code Requirements

4.1 Everyday School Uniform

Students are expected to wear the approved Butler Primary School uniform:

- **Tops:** School polo shirt (navy/) with logo
- **Bottoms:** Navy shorts, skorts, skirt, or track pants
- **Dress:** School approved summer dress (optional)
- **Outerwear:** Navy school jacket or jumper
- **Footwear:** Enclosed shoes or sandals with a back strap
- **Socks:** Plain navy or white socks

- **Hat:** School approved broad-brimmed or bucket hat (compulsory for outdoor activities, all year)
- **Faction Shirt**

Year 6

- **Year 6 Leavers shirt**
- **Year 6 Graduation Shirt (Names on the back and Aboriginal artwork - side panels)**

4.2 Physical Education and Sport

- Appropriate sports footwear must be worn.
- Students may wear school sports uniform on non-designated days.
- Long hair (beyond shoulder length – school administrators' discretion) must be tied back for safety.

4.3 Sun Safety

In line with the school's SunSmart approach:

- Hats are required for all outdoor activities.
- "No hat, no play".

4.4 Jewellery and Accessories

Permitted items:

- small stud or sleeper earrings
- a watch
- items of religious or cultural significance (must be worn safely and discreetly)

Not permitted:

- facial piercings
- large or dangling jewellery
- makeup (except for medical or cultural reasons)

4.5 Hair and Grooming

- Hair must be neat, clean, and tied back, if long. (Beyond shoulder length)
- Hair colour should be natural tones unless for approved school events.
- Nail polish should be clear or removed.

4.6 Special Circumstances

Adjustments will be made for:

- religious or cultural dress requirements
- medical needs
- disability or sensory considerations
- financial hardship.

Parents/carers should contact the principal to discuss adjustments.

5. Financial Support

The school will:

- provide information about low-cost uniform suppliers

- support families experiencing financial hardship
- refer families to the school's uniform assistance programs where available.

No student will be disadvantaged academically or socially due to genuine financial difficulty.

6. Non-compliance

The school will apply the Department's procedures for managing non-compliance:

- Students will be reminded of expectations and supported to comply.
- Parents/carers may be contacted if non-compliance is ongoing.
- Students may be provided with loan items where available.
- Disciplinary action **must not** be used for non-compliance.
- Students will not be excluded from curriculum activities except where dress compromises safety (e.g., PE, science, excursions).

7. Exemptions

Exemptions may be granted for:

- religious or cultural reasons
- medical conditions
- special events
- temporary circumstances (e.g., lost or damaged uniform).

Requests should be made to the principal.

8. Availability of Uniform Items

Uniforms are available through:

- the school's approved uniform shop supplier

The school will ensure pricing remains reasonable and accessible.

9. Communication

The Dress Code will be communicated through:

- the school website
- enrolment packs
- newsletters

10. Review

This guideline will be reviewed every three years or earlier if required by changes to Department policy or community feedback.