

School Uniform Policy and Dress Code

Wearing a school uniform reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of the Baler Primary School community and assists in developing pride in representing their school. Issues of equity, health and safety, expense and choice are also factors that contribute to the establishment of the dress code. Having a child enrolled at Baler PS assumes an agreement between the parent/guardian and the school that the student will dress in accordance with the school's policy.

Baler Primary School expects all students to develop a high standard of dress and to take pride in their personal grooming. Uniforms are to be kept clean and in good repair.

Student Dress Code Requirements

ITEM	ACCEPTABLE	NON-ACCEPTABLE
SHIRT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Blue Baler PS uniform shirt with logo Leavers Shirts + Faction shirt (Monday or carnival days) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ONLY Baler PS uniform shirt is acceptable
PANTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Black shorts or pants Leggings only if worn under another item eg skirt 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leggings / dance pants (active wear) / bike pants that do not have a skirt or dress worn over the top for modesty
SKORT / DRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Black school skort Baler uniform dress Black sports skirt 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Checked dresses are being phased out due to restriction of movement.
JACKETS / JUMPERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School jacket Black jacket 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jackets or jumpers not in school colours
FOOTWEAR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shoes that have a back Enclosed sneakers / runners for sport sessions or general wear 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thongs Backless shoes / scuffs High heels
HATS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Baler PS sun smart hat (bucket) Cultural Hijab (blue, black or white) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Caps Non school hats
JEWELLERY, MAKE-UP, NAIL POLISH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A watch One set of silver or gold sleepers or studs Medic Alert bracelet (if required) Necklace with religious icon – must be worn under clothes for safety 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Necklaces (other than religious icons) Bracelets or bangles Make-up and nail polish Hair accessories Dangly earrings Visible body tattoos or transfers
HAIR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Long hair to be tied up off the face (male and female) to minimise transfer of head lice Spray colours only acceptable on special event days Blue, Black, white scrunchies, hair ties and baubles Minimal gels, wax sprays 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hair dyes or tips that are not natural colours (NOT green, blue, pink, bright red, maroon, gold, silver etc) Shaved-in hair designs – not encouraged
SPORT / PHYS ED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sneakers / runners Faction or interschool uniform 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sandals or thongs – unless swimming

Hats

All students must wear a [school uniform sun smart hat](#) when participating in lessons, excursions and all school based recreation activities. Caps or other hats outside of the school [uniform are not permitted](#) at school. We recognise that this has not been enforced previously at Baler PS and as such this will be highly encouraged during 2017 with full implementation and expectation of compliance as of the start of 2018. This is in line with the Department of Education sun smart policy and as such offers a higher level of protection for students.

Faction Shirts

We encourage students to wear their full school uniform – faction shirts may be worn on Mondays.

Faction shirts are not applicable to kindergarten students.

During Term 2 & 3 in the lead up to athletics carnivals students may also wear their faction shirt for athletics practice days [on non-assembly weeks](#).

General Dress & Sporting Dress

All students must be correctly attired to participate in sporting activities when representing the school. All clothing and general school items [should be clearly marked with first AND last name for easy identification](#).

Students are not permitted to wear clothing or bring items to school that display large slogans, brand names, pictures or any material of an offensive or inappropriate nature.

Denim, board shorts or patterned shorts are not an appropriate part of the regular dress requirements for students.

Modifications & Exceptions

Students through their parents and or guardians seeking exemptions to the dress code due to religious beliefs, family background, student disability or health conditions are required to make an appointment with the principal. Staff will be informed of any student granted modification to the dress code.

Non - Compliance

Students not following the Dress Code:

- Will receive counselling from a staff member on the school's dress code
- Will receive assistance / support in obtaining suitable clothing, if necessary
- May be denied the opportunity to represent the school at official school activities which may include choir, sporting, musical or social events
- When students are consistently not in school uniform and the above mentioned steps have been followed, parents may be notified by a telephone call.

Baler PS students participate in many different activities in the course of their school years. The uniform is smart, practical and easily identifiable. We ask that all parents respect and actively support the school's dress code and ensure that their children are correctly attired.