



BALLAJURA PRIMARY SCHOOL

STUDENT DRESS CODE POLICY and GUIDELINES

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The Dress Code for students is determined by the School Board in consultation with students, parents and staff of the school. The Department of Education requires all public schools to have a dress code and students are required to comply with the code unless they have been granted an exemption. Dress codes are tangible evidence of the standards expected of students. A school's dress code plays an important role in promoting a positive image of the school and creating a sense of identity among students. Being suitably groomed is part of the process by which students learn to engage with employers and the community.

The benefits of a dress code include:

- promoting safety of students through easier identification;
- keeping costs of clothing within reasonable limits for parents; and
- assisting students to learn the importance of appropriate presentation.

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE POLICY

The principal will:

- ensure the school council or board has determined the dress code, which does not include clothing made from denim, in consultation with the school community (refer to 3.2.2 Exemptions from the Requirement to Exclude Denim); and
- ensure the school has developed procedures, in consultation with the school community, for supporting compliance and providing assistance.

Implementation of the policy is the responsibility of the principal.

COMPLIANCE

Support and assistance are effective ways of achieving compliance. Procedures for supporting compliance with the dress code are approved by the School Board. School management of the dress code is a balance between establishing standards, allowing reasonable opportunity for individual self-expression, and taking account of diversity. Non-confrontational approaches assist in clarifying the reasons for objections to complying with the dress code.

At Ballajura Primary School, all students from K-6 will wear school uniform as determined in the Ballajura Primary School Student Dress Code.

NON-COMPLIANCE WITH THE DRESS CODE

The principal will:

- ensure the school has developed procedures, in consultation with the school community, for managing non-compliance, including exemptions and sanctions;
- arrange for students who do not comply with the dress code and their families to be counselled and their concerns resolved where possible;
- apply only those sanctions prescribed in the School Education Regulations 2000 (reg 36) where all other avenues for achieving compliance are unsuccessful, and provided it can be demonstrated that financial reasons are not a contributing factor to non-compliance;
- not apply suspensions, exclusions, or prevent non-complying students from attending or participating in any school activity where the activity, in the opinion of the principal, is an essential part of the student's educational program (reg 36);



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NON-COMPLYING STUDENT

A student who:

- does not comply with a requirement of the school's dress code;
- has not reached the age of 18 years at the time of the alleged non-compliance.

Under the School Education Regulations 2000, Regulation 36, if a non-complying student is enrolled in a primary program, sanctions will be limited to the following actions only:

- preventing the student from attending any activity in which the student would have been representing the school; or
- preventing the student from attending or participating in any school activity which, in the opinion of the principal, is not part of the educational program (extra curricular activities).



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The Ballajura Primary School Student Dress Code is the document that provides standards of what is acceptable in relation to the clothing worn (school uniform) by students at the school including headwear, footwear and aspects of personal presentation.

At Ballajura Primary School, all students from K-6 will wear school uniform as determined in the Ballajura Primary School Student Dress Code.

At Ballajura Primary School, this is interpreted as:

A) Female students

- ◇ Ballajura PS polo shirt
- ◇ Ballajura PS dark grey skirt or dark grey skort
- ◇ Ballajura PS fleecy jacket
- ◇ dark grey track suit pants
- ◇ Ballajura PS dress
- ◇ Ballajura PS House shirt (in allocated House colours)
- ◇ dark grey leggings (if desired)
- ◇ leggings to be worn under dresses, skirts or skorts only
- ◇ red, white or grey headscarf

B) Male students

- ◇ Ballajura PS polo shirt
- ◇ dark grey shorts, dark grey long cargo pants or dark grey track suit pants
- ◇ Ballajura PS fleecy jacket
- ◇ Ballajura PS House shirt (in allocated House colours)

D) Footwear (All students)

- ◇ sneakers, school shoes or sturdy sandals - clean, in good condition and suitable for sport, climbing and running (no knee high boots, gumboots, uggboots, thongs, ballet flats or novelty shoes such as those with flashing lights or roller balls on the soles)

E) Jewellery (All students)

- ◇ stud or sleeper style earrings only
- ◇ no necklaces, bracelets or bangles

F) Hair (All students)

- ◇ shoulder length hair or longer must be tied back

C) General (All students)

- ◇ red Ballajura PS bucket hat
- ◇ socks - dark grey dress socks or sports socks at or below the ankle (dark grey, black or white recommended)
- ◇ no garments with an attached head covering (e.g. hoodies)

* All uniform items, including footwear, are to be in good condition, clean and free of holes.