

Dress Code

Black Forest Primary School is a school with strong traditions. Among these is the wearing of school uniform. The purpose of the uniform is to create a sense of community that engenders the feeling of belonging and safety in all individuals. Our aim is to have a learning environment that is supportive, positive, non-discriminating, equitable and safe. Our School Council has determined that the wearing of the school uniform and following the school's policy is important for all students. Our uniform offers affordable clothing for all students. It is flexible, based around the school's colours of royal blue and navy.

Students in all year levels are expected to follow the dress code at school and at official school events and excursions, unless otherwise instructed by staff.

The school prides itself on the high level of co-operation of students with the policy and on the overall appearance of students in this area.

Black Forest Primary School is part of the National Sun Smart Program and to maintain accreditation our uniform must conform to the Sun Smart Guidelines as outlined by the Cancer Council of South Australia.

Students are required to wear uniform because it provides:

- identification with the school - the wearing of uniform clothing is an important factor in ensuring the children's safety. It is important that we can clearly recognise a student's association with Black Forest, both within and outside of the school yard
- security, as students are easily identified
- a sense of pride in belonging to this school
- students with clothing which allows for freedom of movement, safety, and level of comfort
- equity, since students do not need to dress competitively. It avoids the issue of purchasing expensive clothing and can help minimise the opportunity for harassment
- the opportunity for students to feel respect for themselves and others because of their positive image
- a lower cost to families in the long term.

SCHOOL DRESS CODE– RECEPTION to YEAR 7

- Polo Shirts: Navy and royal blue with the school logo.
- Trousers , Track Pants or navy blue pants
- Shorts: Navy (regular cut, knee length or close to knee length).
- Skirt: Navy
- Summer Dresses: Blue and white check shirt front dress
- Bike shorts for wearing under dresses (navy)
- Windcheaters: Navy blue, preferably with the school logo.
- Rugby Tops: Navy blue with royal blue collar, with the school logo.
- Hats: Cloth school hats

SCHOOL DRESS CODE – YEAR 7

- Year 7s may also choose to wear a commemorative polo and/or windcheater with the names of the current Year 7 students printed on the back (orders taken in Term 1).

FOOTWEAR

- Firm fitting, suitable for normal day wear and physical activity
- Shoes to be laced or fastened
- Sneakers are acceptable
- Leather sandals, with adequate tread appropriate for running, are acceptable.
- Open-toed shoes are acceptable, only if suitable for active sportswear
- Socks or tights are to be white, or navy blue.

UNACCEPTABLE CLOTHING/FOOTWEAR/ACCESSORIES

- Headwear, other than acceptable (See Sun Protection Policy)
- Ripped or dirty clothing
- Any denim – including jackets, jeans, overalls etc
- Singlet tops, spaghetti straps, midriff tops, board shorts, short tight skirts, brief shorts, bike pants (except under dresses) party shoes, ugg boots, surf sandals, ballet shoes, thongs, rubber boots.
- Brand name clothing and accessories with logos.
- Clothing with offensive language/wording.
- Baseball/basketball caps beanies, mountain-hiking hats.
- Hoods worn during school time.
- Novelty clothing/footwear.
- Brightly coloured shoes/sneakers and novelty shoes, eg flashing lights, are not acceptable as they can be a distraction.
- Fake nails, stick-ons or coloured nail polish/decorations.
- Nose or other body piercing rings or studs.
- Bracelets other than for medical reasons.

Students are expected to wear the uniform in the manner designed, and it is to be clean and in good repair. Items of clothing and hats should be clearly labeled with student's name.

SUNSAFE HAT POLICY

Hats: Material - navy or royal blue, wide-brimmed, bucket or legionnaire with school logo

Hats are to be worn from the start of Term 1 until the end of April and from the beginning of September until the end of Term 4. Children must wear school hats which protect the face, neck and ears whenever they are outside, eg sport, sports practice, sports carnivals, outdoor excursions, physical education lessons, daily fitness, before school, recess, lunch and after school. Parents are also encouraged to apply sun screen on children prior to leaving home and also send along sun screen for the student to reapply during the day. Spare hats are advisable. Students not wearing a hat during playtime must stay in the shade in the Junior Primary Courtyard area. (Sun Protection Policy DECD). Appropriate sunglasses that provide sun protection could be worn.

Sunglasses: blue, black, white

NAILS

- Nails should be kept cleaned and trimmed (sports length)

GRAFFITI

- No writing/images on clothes/hats
- No writing on skin

MAKE-UP

- No make-up, or facial adornment including eye make-up, eg transfers, false eyelashes)
- No lip gloss but use of chap sticks, where required, is acceptable.

HAIR

- Hair is to be neatly groomed.
- Hair should be kept out of eyes and tied back if longer than shoulder length..
- Ribbons, bows, scrunchies, hair combs and small clips in plain navy or royal blue.
- Neck scarves to be in royal or navy blue and not so big/long as to be unsafe.

JEWELLERY

A watch

- A single chain necklet (inside clothing and not visible)
- Sleepers or stud earrings (one pair of silver/gold)

SCHOOL BAGS

Recommend BFPS range of purpose made, back-packs in school colour with logo.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION

STUDENTS REPRESENTING THE SCHOOL (at special events, excursions etc)

- All students are required to wear school uniform when representing the school.
- When playing sport for the school, all students are to wear the appropriate uniform, as agreed by the Sports Committee. In Terms 1, 3 and 4 an appropriate hat must be worn, in matches and at practice.

THEME DAYS / DRESS UP DAYS

The SRC organises special fun days when uniform does not have to be worn. A donation goes towards fundraising for a designated charity/project. Safe footwear must be worn at all times.

UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop is open

- Every Friday during term-time (except Good Friday) from 8:45-9:30am
- During the holidays as advertised in the newsletter.

A price list is sent home at the beginning of the year, and updated when necessary. Payment can be made at the Finance Office, via Bizgate cash or cheque, Mon-Fri before 9:30am. On receipt of payment, the items will be sent to the child's classroom.

The uniform shop is run by a group of dedicated volunteers, backed up by a sub-committee of School Council. All offers of help are gratefully accepted. They endeavor to supply the best quality uniform possible at the best price possible. Sizes and styles held are very comprehensive.

The shop is housed in the OSHC building. Payment can be made by cash, cheque, credit cards and EFTPOS. There is no lay-by system, however, uniforms can be held for an agreed period, if necessary.

See the school website for further information: www.blforest.sa.edu.au Price list is downloadable.

SWIMMING POOL

Students are required to wear bathers and 'rashies' or a t-shirt over the top.

Jewellery is not to be worn in the pool except for medical purposes.

ART LESSONS

Students are required to wear protective art shirts/smocks. We ask parents to provide an old piece of clothing for students to wear over their uniforms for protection.

GARDEN LESSONS

Students should wear closed-in shoes, rather than sandals on days when they will be working in the garden.

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Refer to OSHC Policy