UNIFORM AT SCHOOL PROCEDURES

1. Policy link

The Bonnyrigg High School Uniform Procedure has been developed to assist the school in implementing the NSW Department of Education Health and Wellbeing policy.

The Uniform Procedure and the suite of uniform options have been developed following the guidelines set out in the NSW Department of Education Guidelines.

Both the Uniform Procedure and the range of uniform items have been developed in consultation with and endorsed by the Bonnyrigg High School Parents and Citizens Association and the Bonnyrigg High School Student Body.

2. Rationale

Bonnyrigg High School takes pride in maintaining high uniform expectations. Our uniform dress code aims to:

- Reinforce students' pride in their appearance.
- Promote a sense of belonging within the school community.
- Contribute to a positive identity for the school.

Wearing a school uniform also enhances student safety by making it easier to recognise students both on campus and in the wider community.

Our uniforms comply with the Work Health and Safety Act 2011 (NSW) and the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW) by including sun-safe clothing and appropriate footwear. The Uniform procedure is inclusive, accommodating cultural and religious needs and the requirements of students with disabilities. Students can choose from various uniform options, such as trousers and shorts, ensuring affordability and comfort for physical activities in different weather conditions, thus providing equal access to all school activities.

The Bonnyrigg High School Uniform Procedure aims to:

- foster equality among all students.
- strengthen students' pride in and connection to our school.
- offer durable, affordable, and practical clothing suited to our school environment.
- uphold and improve the school's positive reputation within the community.
- ensure compliance with Work Health and Safety (WHS) standards.

3. Students out of uniform

Students are expected to wear the uniform with pride throughout the school day. If a student is out of uniform, they must:

- provide a letter of explanation from their parent/caregiver
- obtain a Uniform Infringement slip from their Home Room or class teacher

Students who do not provide a letter from a parent or caregiver will have this noted as a negative record. Additionally, students who are frequently out of uniform will face consequences.

Health and safety regulations, in accordance with the Department of Education Health and Wellbeing Policy, must be followed at all times.

No student will be disadvantaged regarding uniform requirements due to their family's financial situation. Parents facing such difficulties are encouraged to discuss their situation confidentially with the relevant Head Teacher of Wellbeing or the Deputy Principal.

Any incorrect uniform items will be confiscated and given to the respective Deputy Principal.
Students will receive an appropriate alternative for cold weather, and/or parents/carers may be contacted.

If students continue to breach the uniform procedure the following consequences may apply:

- Warning regarding uniform expectations.
- Phone call to parents.
- After 3 warnings students will receive an after-school detention.
- Further infractions will be considered continued disobedience and more serious disciplinary action may be taken.

4. Uniform Sales
School uniforms can be purchased through our school uniform shop. The price list, opening hours, and other details are available on the Uniform page of the Bonnyrigg High School website. Items such as socks and stockings etc can be purchased through clothing retailers.

5. Student Assistance
Students in genuine need of assistance with uniforms may obtain items of clean, pre-loved clothing free of charge by seeing our Wellbeing Office. Donations of outgrown items of uniform are most gratefully accepted throughout the year.
In cases where the clothing pool cannot provide the necessary assistance, a Student Assistance Form can be completed to request financial support. All applications are confidential.
The clothing pool will also be used to ensure the wearing of uniforms within school hours.

6. Bonnyrigg High School Uniform Options
The wearing of uniform applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when students are on school excursions (unless otherwise stated in the excursion information).

Shoe Requirements
Black, enclosed leather shoes that are lace-up, buckle, or Velcro fastened. Shoes must cover the entire top of the foot and have a low heel. Failure to wear approved shoes may result in temporary exclusion from practical subjects for safety reasons.

Sport Uniform Requirements
For WHS reasons, sports shoes must be laced up, cover the entire foot, and cannot be canvas or casual-style shoes. Approved sports shoes should provide necessary support and stability for active participation.
Sport uniform may only be worn to and from school on designated sport days. Students with PDHPE practical lessons on non-sport days must wear their regular uniform and change into their sports uniform during class time.

Hats

- Students are encouraged to wear the BHS cap when outdoors for sun protection. This must be removed when inside school buildings
- Caps that are non-BHS must be plain navy blue, without slogans or symbols
- Beanies and visors are not accepted.

7. Other Uniform Considerations

- For all excursions or out-of-school activities, full school uniform must be worn unless stated otherwise. Non-compliance may result in exclusion from the excursion. Any variations will be noted in permission notes communicated to parents.
- Shirts must be buttoned to a socially acceptable height and skirts are to be an appropriate length.
- No torn or ripped clothing should be worn to school
- Plain means without patterns, stripes, slogans of any kind
- In cold/wet weather any non-uniform jacket or trousers worn must be plain navy
- Hooded jumpers or puffer jackets are not part of our school uniform and must not be worn on school grounds
- Tights/leggings, jeans and shorter style shorts are not part of our school uniform and must not be worn.
- The Principal and Deputy Principals will clarify and make decisions regarding the appropriateness of uniform items, including aspects related to makeup, jewellery, and hair.

8. Review
This uniform procedure will be reviewed as part of the school's regular review cycle.
This uniform procedure was ratified by P&C and the student body in June 2025.

SHOES

MUST BE BLACK AND ALL LEATHER

SUITABLE SPORTS FOOTWEAR

NON SUITABLE SPORTS FOOTWEAR