

Dress Code Policy

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Lake Bolac College's requirements for student dress and appearance and to provide information about uniform purchase and support, dress code implementation and exemption processes. This dress code has been developed by Lake Bolac College's School Council in close consultation with our school community to ensure that it respects the rights of individual students whilst reflecting the values and interests of our community.

The Student Dress Code aims to:

- foster a sense of community and belonging and encourages students to develop pride in their appearance
- support Lake Bolac College's commitment to ensuring that our students feel equal and are dressed safely and appropriately for school activities.
- reduce student competition on the basis of clothing
- enhance the profile and identity of the school and its students within the wider community.

The School Council has developed a dress code that we believe provides a range of choices for students and is cost effective for families.

SCOPE

Students are expected to comply with this Student Dress Code while traveling to and from school, during school hours and when attending school activities.

UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE

Lake Bolac College's compulsory school uniform items are as follows:

SCHOOL UNIFORM

skirts/dresses

- White, blue and maroon checked school dress
- Navy pinafore
- School kilt

shorts/pants

- Navy or grey shorts
- Navy or grey pants (not including tracksuit pants or active wear)

polo top

- Navy polo top with school logo

jumper/jacket/vest

- Navy polo fleece vest with school logo
- Navy polo fleece jumper with school logo
- Navy woolen jumper with school logo
- Navy jacket with school logo (embroidered for Year 11-12 students)
- Rugby jumper - Year 6 and Year 12 Class of Current Year (only to be worn in that given year)

footwear

- White or black socks, no logos, writing or other colours.
- Navy tights (not activewear or leggings)
- Black school shoes (shoes to be black with no other colours)



SPORTS UNIFORM

General sport:

- Navy and sky blue polo shirt with school logo
- Navy shorts, skort, tracksuit pants or leggings (without large logos or alternate colours)
- Sports shoes (runners, joggers)

Swimming:

- One-piece bathers or swim shorts and a rash top
- Suitable footwear (thongs/sandals/crocs), to be worn to and from pool
- When representing the College a designated swimming cap is worn

HATS

Years P-4:	Navy wide brimmed with school logo
Years 5-12:	Navy cap or wide brimmed with school logo
Years 7-12	Navy bucket hat with school logo
Years P-12	School beanie

General appearance

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, Lake Bolac College students must comply with the following:

- Uniforms must be clean and in good repair
- Uniforms must be clearly marked with the owner's name
- Additional layers of clothing may be worn underneath the uniform for added warmth, provided these undergarments match the colour of the school uniform, with no visible logo or adornments.

Jewellery and cosmetics

Students are not permitted to wear decorative jewellery to school. Plain stud earrings and sleepers (maximum 6mm) worn in the ears, and watches, are the only acceptable jewellery.

Cosmetics and nail polish may be worn, provided it is natural in appearance.

Hair and Sun safety

Shoulder length or longer hair is to be tied back to help restrict the spread of nits and lice and for student safety.

Hair accessories should be in school colours and minimalistic.

School uniform hats must be worn outside during Term 1 and Term 4 and on any other day prescribed by the school. School uniform hats may also be worn outside of this time period, by parent or student choice.

Hats and beanies are not to be worn inside.

Students are permitted to wear sunglasses during outdoor activities.

PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS

Uniform items can be purchased from:

Beleza

22 Doveton Street South Ballarat Vic 3350



Phone (03) 5176 5077

www.beleza.com.au

Support for families experiencing difficulty

Please contact the Principal or Business Manager to discuss support that we may be able to provide to families experiencing difficulty meeting uniform costs, including information about eligibility for uniform support through State Schools' Relief. Further information about State Schools' Relief is also available on their website: <https://www.ssr.net.au/>

IMPLEMENTATION

Lake Bolac College will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through Compass. We will assist students who may be experiencing difficulties complying with this policy where possible.

When students are wearing non-compliant uniform items, the following steps may take place:

1. Initial conversation with student and reminder. If appropriate second hand uniform is available, they may be asked to change into correct uniform.
2. Contact home via diary note, email or text.

If the student is out of uniform on a recurring basis:

3. Meeting with parent and student.
4. Student Success Plan developed to support compliance or apply exemption.

Throughout the year, uniform checks will be conducted and 'Out of Uniform' notices generated for families.

Measures taken by Lake Bolac College to address concerns about student non-compliance with the Student Dress Code will also be addressed in accordance with our Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy.

EXEMPTIONS TO STUDENT DRESS CODE

We recognise that there may be situations where the application of this dress code may affect students unequally.

Students and their parents or carers may apply in writing to the Principal for an exemption to this Student Dress Code if:

- an aspect of this code prevents the student from complying with a requirement of their religious, ethnic or cultural beliefs or background
- the student has a particular disability or health condition that requires a departure from the dress code
- the student or their parents/carers can demonstrate particular economic hardship that prevents them from complying with the dress code.

When the Principal receives a request for an exemption, they will:

- consider the grounds for the exemption request
- explain the process to the student and/or their parents/carers
- encourage the student and/or their parents/carers to support their application with evidence.

The Principal or delegate will then try to negotiate a resolution that is acceptable to all parties. If an exemption is not allowed, then written reasons will be provided to the student and/or their parents or carers.

OUT OF UNIFORM DAYS

On out of uniform days, where the normal dress code does not apply, the following expectations are in place:

- clothing should be modest.
- shoulders must be covered
- midriffs, chest and upper thighs must be covered.



- covered footwear

CONCERNS ABOUT THIS STUDENT DRESS CODE

Lake Bolac College welcomes feedback from the school community in relation to this Student Dress Code. If you have a concern or complaint about the Student Dress Code, further information about raising a concern or complaint is available in our school's *Complaints Policy*, available on Compass.

COMMUNICATION

This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways:

- Compass

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Lake Bolac College's Complaints Policy
- Lake Bolac College's Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy
- Department of Education and Training [Student Dress Code](#)
- Department of Education and Training [Student Engagement policies and guidelines](#).

REVIEW CYCLE

This policy was last reviewed and approved by school council in June 2024 and is scheduled for evaluation and review in June 2026.

APPROVAL

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