

## Benowa State High School Student Uniform Policy

### Ready to be a Redback ~ Wearing the Uniform

Benowa State High School has a long-standing tradition of our students wearing the uniform with pride and a high standard of presentation.

#### Junior Girls Uniform (Year 7 – Year 9)

Worn every day (except for timetabled HPE practical classes and Wednesdays):

- Formal red stripe blouse (optional tie).
- Dark grey skirt/shorts/culottes/slacks.
- Plain white ankle length socks with black leather lace up shoes.

#### Junior Boys Uniform (Year 7 – Year 9)

Worn every day (except for timetabled HPE practical classes and Wednesdays)

- Formal red stripe short-sleeved shirt.
- Dark grey shorts or trousers.
- Plain white ankle length socks with black leather lace up shoes.

#### Senior Girls Uniform (Year 10 – Year 12)

Worn every day:

- Formal white blouse with tie.
- Dark grey skirt/shorts/culottes/slacks.
- Plain white ankle length socks with black leather lace up shoes.

#### Senior Boys Uniform (Year 10 – Year 12)

Worn every day:

- Formal white short-sleeved shirt.
- Dark grey shorts or trousers.
- Plain white ankle length socks with black leather lace up shoes.

\*There is a new formal uniform which is compulsory for all **Year 7 and Year 10 students in 2026**. Students in **Years 8/9 and Years 11/12 in 2026** may continue to wear the current formal and sports uniforms during this transition period.

\*New items cannot be mixed and matched with the old style.

The formal uniform is expected to be worn on days deemed formal occasions by the school e.g. ANZAC Day, school photographs and excursions.

The sport uniform is worn on Wednesdays, for HPE practical lessons and Cluster Sport Days.

#### Religious/Cultural Coverings

Plain coverings with no ornamentation may be worn:

- Head coverings: plain white, black or grey non-transparent.
- Leg coverings: black or dark grey.
- Arm coverings: white.



**Excellence Program Polo** – A formal uniform is still to be worn with the exception of:

The Arts Excellence	Sport Excellence	Steiner Excellence	French Excellence	STEM Excellence
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The <b>sports uniform</b> must still be worn by students on Wednesdays and Cluster Sport Days.</li> <li>• <b>Excellence Polos</b> must be worn as part of their formal school uniform. (Excluding Dance ex who can wear sport shorts).</li> <li>• Excellence students should wear the polo shirt on the days when they have their Excellence classes only. On all other days, and for excursions, the formal uniform should be worn.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The <b>sports uniform</b> must still be worn by students on Wednesdays and Cluster Sport Days.</li> <li>• <b>Excellence Polos</b> must be worn with sports shorts.</li> <li>• Excellence students should wear the polo shirt on the days when they have their Excellence classes only. On all other days, and for excursions, the formal uniform should be worn.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The <b>sports uniform</b> must still be worn by students on Wednesdays and Cluster Sport Days.</li> <li>• <b>Excellence Shirts</b> must be worn as part of their formal school uniform.</li> <li>• Excellence students should wear the polo shirt on the days when they have their Excellence classes only. On all other days, and for excursions, the formal uniform should be worn.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The <b>sports uniform</b> must still be worn by students on Wednesdays and Cluster Sport Days.</li> <li>• <b>Excellence Shirts</b> must be worn as part of their formal school uniform.</li> <li>• Excellence students should wear the polo shirt on the days when they have their Excellence classes only. On all other days, and for excursions, the formal uniform should be worn.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The <b>sports uniform</b> must still be worn by students on Wednesdays and Cluster Sport Days.</li> <li>• <b>Excellence Shirts</b> must be worn as part of their formal school uniform.</li> <li>• Excellence students should wear the polo shirt on the days when they have their Excellence classes only. On all other days, and for excursions, the formal uniform should be worn.</li> </ul>

### Sports Uniform

In **Years 7 – 9** the sport uniform is to be worn on Wednesdays, Cluster Sport Days and timetabled

HPE practical classes:

- Sport polo.
- Sport shorts.
- Sport cap or hat.
- White sports socks worn with supportive running shoes.

In **Years 10 – 12** the sport uniform can be worn on Wednesdays, Cluster Sport Days and timetabled

HPE practical classes:

- Sport polo (or Year 12 Prefect polo).
- Sport shorts.
- Sport cap or hat.
- White sports socks worn with supportive running shoes.

### Winter Uniform

- Benowa SHS Pullover: is a fleece or woollen style jumper which is worn with the sleeves to the wrist. The blouse or shirt is to be worn underneath the pullover.
- Trousers/slacks: there are long pants as an option with the formal uniform for boys and girls that may be worn in winter.
- Benowa SHS Sports Tracksuit.

\*No non-school branded jumpers/hoodies/tracksuits are to be worn.

### Band Uniform

- Black microfibre embroidered music shirt. (available at the uniform shop)
- Black dress trousers. (not leggings, cargo pants or jeans)
- Black leather or leather look dress shoes and black socks (black sports shoes are not acceptable).
- Hair neat and tied back if long

Choir members must wear the full school formal uniform – Blazers for Year 12s (these can be loaned from the book room).

### Financial Hardship

- The school provides a range of solutions to assist families in financial hardship. These include payment plans, and other approaches that can be negotiated on a case-by-case basis. Parents are encouraged to contact the school to assist you with this matter.

## Buying Guide

As a general guide we recommend you purchase the following items for your student:

- 2-3 x Formal girls' blouse or boys' shirt.
- 1-2 x Formal shorts / skirts.
- 1 x Sports uniform.
- 1 x Sport cap or hat.
- 1 x Benowa SHS Pullover/jumper.
- 1 – 2 x Program polo (only required if your child is in an Excellence Program)

Quantities are a guide and may vary depending on individual washing preferences and budget. Optional items such as trousers, slacks, sports trackpants/jackets may be purchased to suit the individual needs of each student.

## Student Appearance

### Hair

- Must be neat, clean and worn in an appropriate style and colour.
- Students will have a natural hair colour.

### Jewellery

- 1 x watch.
- 1x ring.
- Earrings (plain sleepers that skim the ear lobe or studs in silver or gold. No dangling items from the earrings).
- Facial piercings are not to be obvious to the eye (including nose sleepers/rings/studs, lips sleepers/studs, eyebrow sleepers/studs). A clear or small flat stud is appropriate.
- Items may only be worn round the neck if on a long chain, and **NOT VISIBLE above the school uniform neckline**.
- No bracelets or anklets.

### Nails

- Only short/medium length (no longer than 0.5cm from the start of the white part of the nail) natural nails.
- No artificial/false nails (gel, acrylic, shellac, SNS).
- No coloured nail polish (nude is a colour).

### Makeup

- Should be reflective of the school environment and should be minimal.
- Students who wear excessive makeup to school will be required to remove it.
- No excessive artificial eye lashes are permitted.

## Non-Compliance with the Dress Code

- A note from a parent/caregiver must be produced to the Student Services window before school to explain and excuse the unavoidable occasions when correct uniform is not worn.
- If a replacement uniform item is available for loan from the Book Room on such occasions, students are expected to wear this item for the day.
- Non-compliance with the dress code may result in a school consequence.

## Parent Responsibility

Upon enrolment at Benowa State High School parents and students have voluntarily signed a confirmation of enrolment agreement to the Student Code of Conduct and Uniform Policy. This indicates that students and parents have accepted the Uniform Policy and their agreeance to support it.

- Commit to supporting the dress code as part of the enrolment agreement.
- Support the students to adhere to the dress code.
- Request short- or long-term modifications, reasonable adjustments or exemptions to the dress code in writing or a mode best accessible to parents (e.g. face-to-face meeting with the support of an interpreter or translator), providing reasons for the request.
- Work with the school to resolve issues regarding student compliance with the school's dress code.
- Engage in consultation processes about the dress code.

## Relevant Legislations and Policy

This policy has been developed in accordance with the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006 (Qld) Chapter 12, Part 9 ss.360-363 and the Department of Education and Training Policy Student Dress Code in relation to implementing student dress codes in Queensland State Schools.

- Anti-Discrimination Act 1991 (Qld) Chapter 2, Part 1-3, Part 4 Division 3-4, Part 4 Division 10, Part 5.
- Disability Discrimination Act 1992 (Cwlth) Part 1, Part 2 Division 2, Part 2 Division 5.
- Racial Discrimination Act 1975 (Cwlth) Part II s.9.
- Sex Discrimination Act 1984 (Cwlth) Part I, Part II Division 2, Part II Division 4.
- Work Health and Safety Act 2011 (Qld).