



Blaxland High School

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Uniform Policy from March 2022

In accordance with the Education Act 1990 and the requirements of the Department of Education and Training, each school community sets its own school discipline code. Part of the school discipline code at Blaxland High School is the requirement that all students wear school uniform. The uniform helps each student identify with the school as a group and should be worn with pride. Our school colours are blue, white and grey.

As decided by the overwhelming majority of the school's community (made up of parents, students, teachers and local community members) the wearing of uniform is integral to providing and maintaining these standards. Three major reasons were provided in support of this decision.

Research shows that students enjoy improved learning outcomes where a strong school spirit exists; school uniform promotes cohesion between different groups within a school thus breaking down discrimination based on financial, religious or cultural background; and school uniform provides a clear identification of students within the school and community. This makes the sighting and removal of uninvited and unwelcome visitors possible.

The school discipline code indicates that it is expected that all students will adhere to the dress code by wearing school uniform. The school has the right to enforce this discipline code.

Students must provide a note from parents or caregivers and carry a valid, dated note from their roll call or period 1 teacher if out of school uniform.

We have made a few adjustments to the uniform, following feedback from students, parents, carers and staff. These include:

- Hoodie option for uniform
- Plain white or black socks permitted
- Sourcing new material for tracksuit pants for increased comfort

Students uniform will be checked each morning and students who cannot be in school uniform should bring a note from their parent or caregiver. We will email parents to let you know if your child is regularly out of uniform. If you have any specific issues, please contact us and we will work together to resolve them.

Please find attached a copy of our uniform examples and FAQs .

Blaxland High School Uniform Examples



Junior uniform: navy shorts, pleated blue tartan skirt, navy blue trousers, white blouse with logo, white polo short with BHS on collar and logo on shirt, school hoodie, school jacket, jumper, white or black socks, black stockings and predominately black leather fully enclosed shoes.



Senior uniform: sky blue polo shirt with BHS on collar and logo on front, blue blouse with logo, navy blue winter jacket, school hoodie, navy jumper, Year 12 Jersey, pleated grey tartan skirt, navy or grey shorts or pants, white or black socks, black stockings and predominately black leather fully enclosed shoes.



Sports and PE Uniform: to be worn on sport day and brought in bag for practical PE lessons. Students who have TAS or Science on sport days will need to bring enclosed leather shoes.

BHS sport shorts, BHS sports short, supportive sports shoes.

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FAQs

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Q. Can I purchase a plain blue jumper for junior student uniform or a plain blue or grey jumper for senior students?

A. Yes, these items can be purchased outside of the uniform shop. The jumpers need to be plain with no other logos.

Q. What are the requirements for school shoes?

A. Shoes should be leather/suede, enclosed and predominantly black. To meet department Work Health and Safety guidelines, enclosed leather footwear needs to be worn, most importantly in Industrial Arts, Science Labs and Food Technology.

For PE and Sport, a supportive sport shoe/sneaker of any style or colour can be worn.

Q. Will my child have suitable pants available?

A. We have sourced three new options for bottoms, including slacks, shorts and tracksuit pants that are stretchy and comfortable. We believe there are options suitable for all students.

Q. Can students wear longsleeves under school shirts?

A. Yes, if they are in the same colour as the uniform. White for juniors and sky or navy blue for seniors or sports uniform.

Q. What if there are special circumstances?

A. If your child can't wear uniform for a day or two, please just write them a note.

If there is a more long term issue, please contact the relevant Deputy Principal and we will work out a resolution together.

Student assistance is also available for school uniforms. Please let us know if we can help.