

BIRRONG GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL

UNIFORM POLICY



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A Message to Students and Parents

Birrong Girls High School has a proud tradition and a history of success in many areas of school life. One of the ways the school community has chosen to recognise these strong traditions and collegial spirit of the school is through an easily recognisable uniform.

This policy clearly sets out the components, colours and limitations of the uniform. The elements allow for a degree of flexibility for juniors and seniors as well as climate variations over summer and winter. Both the regular uniform and the sports uniform are designed to be practical and safe. Because the school community has reached consensus about the uniform, it is not appropriate for individual variations or additions beyond those items listed.

The uniform helps to maintain a group identity and sense of unity. All students from Years 7 to 12 are able to contribute in a positive way to the image of the school and to be acknowledged by peers, teachers and the local community as belonging to Birrong Girls High.

The school encourages each girl to take pride in her appearance and to appreciate the symbolism associated with the wearing of our uniform, thereby showing to others that she shares the values of the school. Wearing our uniform also shows that she is proud to be acknowledged as a member of our local community and to accept that her own personal behaviour and presentation will reflect on the efforts of others.

Our school fully supports the wearing of uniform. I would wish you to wear it in the knowledge that it identifies you as a member of that special community. Wear it with the respect and pride it justly deserves.

Margaret Fletcher
Principal

WHY HAVE A SCHOOL UNIFORM?

- A CLASS LEVELLER
 - All students are the same in the eyes of the school and wider community
- AN IDENTITY TO THE STUDENT
 - It creates pride in the school and identifies Junior and Senior students
- SECURITY AND SAFETY
 - It is easy to identify non school students who are intruders
 - A student in a uniform is much safer in a bus/train
- BEHAVIOUR
 - It has been proven that student behaviour is better when a uniform is worn
 - It adds tone and better conduct
- COST
 - It is usually less expensive than designer clothes and joggers
- COMMUNITY PERCEPTIONS
 - Students are identified by the community
 - Prospective employers see uniform in a positive way

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

The school community is made up of many groups. There is total support for full school uniform at Birrong Girls High School from the following groups:

- * *School staff*
- * *Student Representative Council*
- * *Parents & Citizens*

PARENTS

Parents are asked to fully support the uniform policy by -

- Marking the clothing carefully with your daughter's name
- Ensuring the correct uniform is worn every day
- Maintaining dry cleaning or keeping clean the correct uniform
- Informing the Head Teacher Girls/Welfare of problems complying with the correct uniform
- Encouraging your daughter to take pride in her personal appearance

STUDENT ASSISTANCE SCHEME

Each year the school is given money from the State Government to help students who have difficulty in paying for uniforms, excursions, camps, subject fees, music, etc.

The Head Teacher Girls/Welfare is able to help parents through a \$100 voucher scheme.

This is able to be used to buy new or second hand uniforms and other educational needs.

Students must be able to show the Head Teacher Welfare that there is some need involved.

All students/parents will be treated in strictest confidence.

The Head Teacher Girls/Welfare's office is located on the top floor, inside the entry to the Staff Common Room.

THE CLOTHING POOL (On the top floor, near Room 1)

The Clothing Pool is situated on the top floor, near Room 1. Students and parents can buy or donate good quality used items of school uniform and P.E. tops. These are sold at very reasonable prices to help families stretch their budgets.



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As stated in the school's Code of Behaviour, all students are expected to "wear the school uniform with pride."

Junior Uniform – Years 7, 8, 9

Summer

- School dress in maroon, navy and white check and of approved length
- Approved white shirt with navy trim and BGHS logo or white polo shirt with school crest
- Navy tailored pants
- White ankle length socks
- Black leather lace up shoes to comply with the DEC's safety requirements

Winter

- Navy tailored pants
- Approved white shirt with navy trim and BGHS logo or white polo shirt with school crest
- Approved navy jumper with BGHS logo or sloppy joe with school crest
- Navy blazer with school crest (optional)
- White ankle length socks
- Black leather lace up shoes to comply with the DEC's safety requirements

Senior Uniform – Years 10, 11, 12

Summer

- Navy pleated school skirt or navy tailored pants
- Approved white shirt with navy trim and BGHS logo
- White ankle length socks
- Black leather lace up shoes to comply with the DEC's safety requirements

Winter

- Navy pleated skirt or navy tailored pants
- Approved white shirt with navy trim and BGHS logo
- Approved navy jumper with BGHS logo or sloppy joe with school crest
- Navy blazer with school crest (optional)
- White ankle length socks or black stockings
- Black leather lace up shoes to comply with the DEC's safety requirements
- Prefects are issued with a maroon school blazer

Variations for students of Muslim faith include a navy or white hijab and approved long sleeved white shirt with navy trim and BGHS logo or approved long sleeved white polo shirt with school crest.

Sports/PE Uniform

- Maroon track pants or maroon shorts
- Short or long sleeved gold polo shirt with school crest
- Joggers and white ankle length socks

**All items of clothing are available from Berelle School Wear, 3 Bellona Avenue, Regents Park,
Phone: 9738 1264.**

Jewellery

Jewellery is not part of the school uniform. However, the following items are permitted:

- a watch
- stud earrings
- a small signet ring

Any problems with compliance with this policy should be referred to the relevant Year Adviser or Head Teacher Welfare.

Birrong Girls High School UNIFORM



Junior Girls' Uniform – Years 7, 8, 9



**Senior Girls' Uniform - Years 10, 11, 12
(Prefects in maroon school blazer)**



Sports Uniform

HEALTH & SAFETY ASSOCIATED WITH FOOTWEAR

The following memorandums to Principals have been issued by
The Department of Education and Communities

Foot-Wear and Safety in Practical Work

These guidelines have been prepared in response to requests for advice on safe foot-wear for **students and staff** in practical lessons - Industrial Arts, Science, Home Economics, Art and Agricultural Science.

Thongs, open type sandals or shoes, canvas type shoes and/or gym boots, **shall not** be worn in practical classes where there is the possibility of injury through spillage of hot liquids, metals, or the dropping of heavy or sharp instruments, tools, etc.

While it is not possible to specify any one standard to meet all situations, shoes with a stout sole and firm leather uppers are considered necessary to protect **students and staff**.

Accordingly, principals, in consultation with teachers, should decide on acceptable standards of foot-wear for class work and explain to students and parents why these standards are necessary.

It may be necessary, on occasions, to exclude a student whose shoes do not meet these safety standards from participating in a particular aspect of practical work. Though students may be excluded from that practical class work area, they may not be excluded from that particular class session.

Director-General of Education

AND

Length of Hair and Safety in Practical Work

It is necessary in the interests of **pupils and staff** to maintain a high standard of safety in all practical lessons - Industrial Arts, Science, Home Economics, Art and Agricultural Science.

Experience in schools and industry has shown that long hair can be a hazard unless adequately restrained.

While it is not possible to specify any one type of hair restraint as the most suitable, industrial hairnets, snoods, beanie caps and medical theatre (paper) caps would all be appropriate hair restraints for students and staff. In the practical work situation, long hair must be confined within appropriate head gear.

Accordingly, principals, in consultation with teachers, should decide on acceptable standards of hair restraints for class work and explain to students and parents why these standards are necessary.

It may be required, on occasions, to exclude a student whose hair restraint does not meet these safety standards from participating in a particular aspect of practical work. Though students may be excluded from that practical class work area, they may not be excluded from that particular class session.

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SCHOOL FACULTY CLOTHING REQUIREMENTS

Suede and canvas jogger style shoes are not suitable because of safety factors in the following areas of school:-

- * Visual Arts
- * Science
- * TAS

Leather shoes can also be maintained more effectively and are more durable in the long term.

Each department in the school where practical activities take place must ensure student safety and ask for parent cooperation in this matter.

TAS FACULTY

Protective Clothing & Safety in Food workrooms

The following is required when students participate in Practical lessons in:

Year 7 Technology (mandatory)
Year 8 Technology (mandatory)
Years 9, 10, 11 & 12 Food Technology
Textiles Technology
Years 11 & 12 Exploring Early Childhood

Hair tied back
FULL COVER apron (Food based practicals)
CLOSED-IN LEATHER shoes (BLACK)

The following is a TAFE requirement for students participating in the Vocational Education and Training (VET) Dual Accredited Hospitality course in Years 11 & 12:

Full chefs uniform:

Chefs jacket and checked pants
Neckerchief and Apron
Chefs Hat/Hair Net
CLOSED-IN LEATHER shoes (BLACK)
Teatowel

PDHPE & SPORT UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

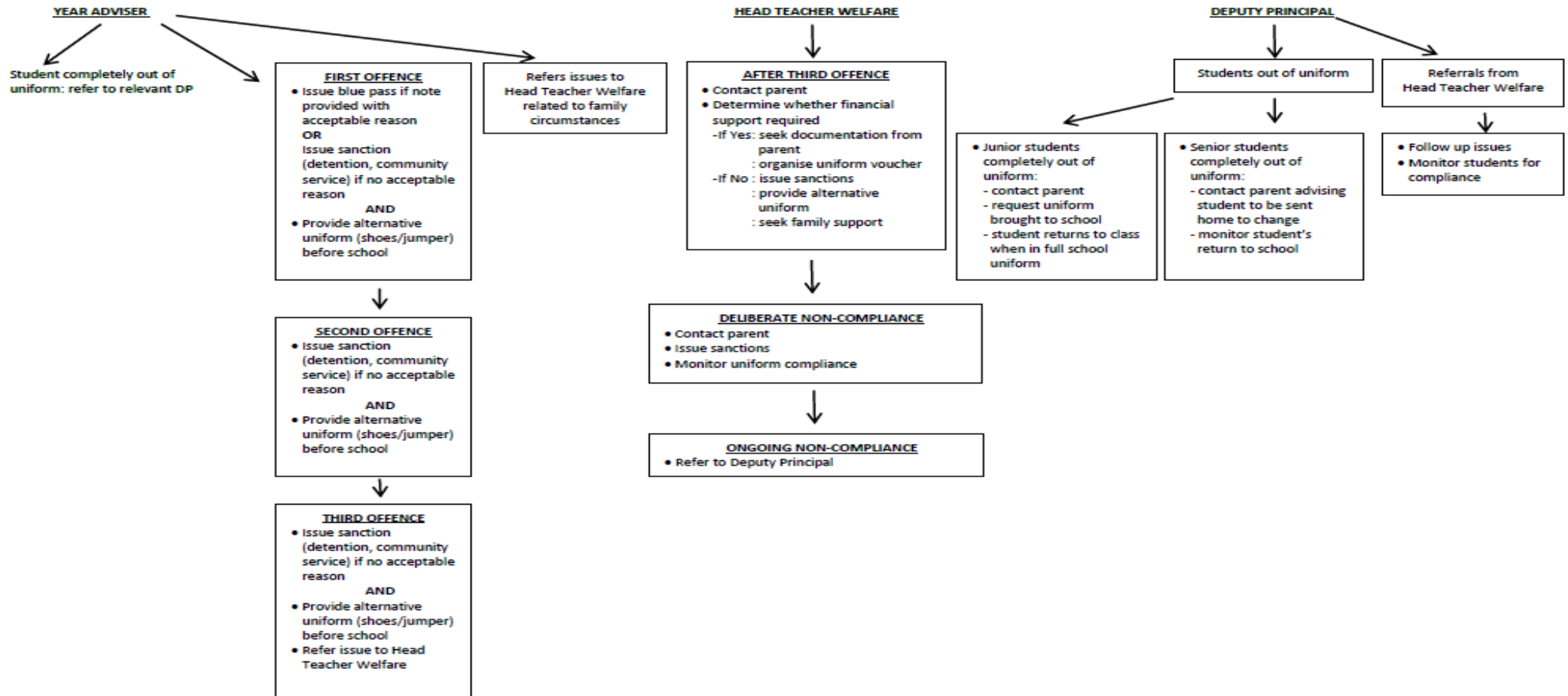
All students in Years 7-10 must study Development, Health and Physical Education as well as Sport as part of their Mandatory Curriculum requirements.

It is the school's policy that all students participate in these lessons in the correct School Sports uniform which consists of the following items:

- * Gold Polo Shirt
- * Maroon Shorts or Track Pants
- * Joggers and White Socks
- * A hat is also advisable

It is also recommended that students bring a **non**-aerosol deodorant to use following PE and Sport lesson.

**BIRRONG GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL
SCHOOL UNIFORM FLOWCHART FOR NON-COMPLIANCE**



Birrong Girls High School

UNIFORM PASS

Student's Name: _____

Roll Class: _____ Date: _____

Items of Uniform: _____

Valid Until: _____

Signed by Year Adviser: _____

COMMUNITY SERVICE NOTIFICATION

Student: _____

Class: _____ Date: _____

Canteen Lunch 1

Tumalong Lunch 2

Quadrangle Recess

Commons

Middle Field

Requirement

_____ Minutes

_____ Pieces of rubbish

Teacher on Duty: _____

Issuing Teacher: _____