

*Berkeley Vale Public School is proud of their school uniform.  
The uniform instils pride in being part of the community*

### Department of Education Policy Statement

The NSW Department of Education supports the wearing of school uniform which promotes a sense of belonging for students and creates a positive identity for the school community. School uniforms also contribute to the personal safety of students by allowing easier recognition of students inside the school and in the community ([DoE School Uniform Policy, 2018](#))

### Dress Code

- The school uniform is expected to be worn at all times when at school.
- The school uniform is expected to be neat and tidy at all times and to be worn with pride at school.
- Students are encouraged at all times to take pride in their appearance.

Several procedures are in place at Berkeley Vale Public School to ensure that students are protected from harmful UV rays as much as possible.

- Students are expected to wear the school broad brimmed hat outdoors as part of the school uniform.
- Students who do not wear their hat will be expected to play under cover areas e.g., CoolZone, or attend the Library.
- Sun protection will be taught as part of the PDHPE syllabus and in line with the BVPS Student Wellbeing policy.
- Where possible, outdoor activities, such as Physical Education and Sport will be scheduled with peak UV times in mind.

### Uniform Description

<b>K-6 GIRLS - SUMMER</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• BVPS Skirt or culottes/ shorts</li><li>• BVPS blue polo shirt</li><li>• White socks</li><li>• Black shoes</li></ul>
<b>K-6 GIRLS - WINTER</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Navy pants</li><li>• BVPS blue polo shirt</li><li>• BVPS royal blue jumper or zip jacket</li><li>• White socks</li><li>• Black shoes</li></ul>
<b>GIRLS - SPORT</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• BVPS royal blue sport shorts</li><li>• BVPS gold polo shirt</li><li>• White socks</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• White joggers</li> <li>• Sports Fleecy Track pants</li> </ul>
<b>K-6 BOYS - SUMMER</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grey Shorts- Cargo</li> <li>• BVPS blue polo shirt</li> <li>• White socks</li> <li>• Black shoes</li> </ul>
<b>K-6 BOYS - WINTER</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grey trousers</li> <li>• BVPS blue polo shirt</li> <li>• BVPS royal blue jumper or zip jacket</li> <li>• White socks</li> <li>• Black shoes</li> </ul>
<b>BOYS - SPORT</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BVPS royal blue sport shorts</li> <li>• BVPS gold polo shirt</li> <li>• White socks</li> <li>• White joggers</li> <li>• Sports Fleecy Track pants</li> </ul>

## Uniform Shop

It is an expectation that every child will attend school each day in correct school uniform. There are a number of reasons for this:

- The wearing of a uniform engenders pride in one's school.
- Children are wearing good quality clothing which can be purchased for a reasonable price.
- Competition in wearing the latest fashion is removed.
- Children are readily recognised as coming from their school when on excursions. The uniform code is reviewed every three years by the P&C Association. Most of our school uniform is available through the Uniform Shop.

Please note that our school sports shirt and all other items of clothing (including hats) with our school logo, are only available through the Uniform Shop.

The school uniform shop is open at the following times:

Monday 8.40 a.m. to 9.40 a.m.

Friday 8.40 a.m. to 9.40 a.m.

## Jewellery Code

As part of The Occupational Health and Safety Act it is a requirement that all schools provide a safe environment and prevent any potential injuries from occurring to all students. Jewellery that could potentially be considered dangerous or at risk to causing injury is not allowed at school except for the following approved items:

- Sleeper/stud earrings
- Baby bangle "golf"
- Signet ring
- Religious medallion
- Medical bracelet medallion
- Appropriate coloured headbands/scrunchies

Items which are not permitted at school include:

- Facial jewellery, except for ears
- Surf jewellery (chains rings etc )
- Friendship bracelets
- Ankle bracelets
- Nail polish, glitter or coloured and false nails
- Face makeup or glitter
- Visible temporary tattoos
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If students are found wearing inappropriate jewellery they will be asked by teachers to remove it, explaining why it breaches the school jewellery code and told to put it into their bag to take home.

## **Representative Clothing**

Often when students represent the school at any level of sport or dance, there is the opportunity to purchase a piece of clothing to acknowledge this level of representation. This is usually in the form of a jacket /jumper.

While schools should positively encourage the wearing of a school uniform, Principals can make exemptions for not wearing a uniform after discussion with parents & carers, and if considered justified by the principal.

The Principal of Berkeley Vale Public School allows students to wear these jackets as part of their uniform each Friday. All other days of the week, it is expected that students will wear their full school uniform with pride.

## **Mufti Day**

The dress code for a mufti day is as follows.

- Students must wear covered shoes. No thongs, scuffs or sandals.
- Students must wear their school broad, brimmed hat.
- Students must wear tops/ t-shirts that cover their shoulders and midriff.

This policy has been reviewed in line with the Department of Education's 'School Uniform Policy' and in line with the School Uniforms in NSW Government Schools Guidelines which were reviewed by the School in March 2023.