Under the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006, a principal may develop a dress code to apply when students are attending or representing the school. The following Student Dress Code clearly explains and documents standards of acceptable dress within Burpengary State Secondary College (BSSC). The College Dress Code is endorsed by the community steering committee.

Why do students wear a uniform?

- Establishes a culture of school pride, a positive learning environment and high expectations.
- Promotes a positive image within the community with an identifiable uniform that is smart, tidy and worn appropriately.
- Addresses health and safety policies by ensuring students are wearing appropriate footwear and sun-safe clothing.
- School uniforms promote social equality among students because they diminish socioeconomic differences by reducing peer pressure associated with expensive ‘brand’ clothing.
- Improves student safety by enabling staff to identify people within the school grounds who are not associated with the school.

**Dress Code**

Students will wear the Formal Uniform on all days they do not have Sport, practical Physical Education class or during designated elective classes.

All uniform items (with the expectation of socks, belts and shoes) are to be purchased in the college uniform shop. Look-a-like items are not acceptable. Students are to purchase the appropriate size clothing.

Students are required to wear their formal uniform to all formal occasions such as excursions (unless otherwise specified), awards nights, college photos, other college or public functions.

Jumpers, sport jackets, jerseys and blazers, other than those with the official BSSC logo, are not permitted to be worn.

BSSC uniforms are not to be altered in any fashion. This includes (but is not limited to):
- Cutting and shortening of hemlines
- Rolling of up sleeves and short legs
- Undershirts/singlets may be worn, but should not be visible.

The college understands and accepts that some cultures and religions have specific dress requirements. Modifications to the uniform that comply with recognised cultural or religious values may be negotiated with the Principal.

The College back pack has a lifetime warranty and is available for purchase from the college uniform shop.
## Uniform

### Boys Day (Formal) Uniform
- Tailored charcoal school shorts or long charcoal trousers
- Plain black belt
- College striped boys shirt with logo
- College Tie (term 2 & 3).
- Plain white crew socks
- Black leather lace-up shoes

### Girls Day (Formal) Uniform
- Charcoal (below knee length) skirt
- College striped girls blouse
- Plain white crew socks
- Cross over college Tie
- Black leather lace-up shoes

### Boys and Girls Sports Uniforms
- College sport shorts
- College sport polo
- Plain white crew socks
- Appropriate runner, jogger or cross trainer in black leather. (Canvas and non-lace up shoes not permitted)
- College bucket hat COMPULSORY

### Winter Additions
- Charcoal knitted V neck jumper with College Crest
- Sports Jacket
- Sports Track pants
- Black or skin coloured stocking or black opaque full foot stocking (no pattern)

**Note:** During winter months students are permitted to wear plain white t-shirts or singlets under their formal uniform.
### Footwear

Students are required to wear protective and appropriate footwear to College every day. Students must wear black laced- up polished leather/leather look shoes of plain, conventional College or multi-purpose design (see photographs). The College Uniform Shop will provide specifications and recommended products to all families. Plain black leather lace up joggers will be permitted with the sports uniform.

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### Noncompliance with Dress Code

Education (General Provisions) Act 2006 Section 362 of the Act (1) if a student of a State school does not comply with a dress code for the school's students, developed under section 360, the school principal may only impose one of the following sanctions.

- a) detention of the student for a period mentioned in section 283 (3);
- b) prevent the student from attending, participating in, any activity for which the student would have been presenting the school;
- c) prevent the student from attending, or participating in, any school activity that, in reasonable opinion of the school’s principal, is not part of the essential educational program of the school.

### Noncompliance Procedure

Students unable to wear an item of the correct uniform must comply with the following procedures:

- Report to the year level Deputy Principal
- Provide a note from home explaining the uniform breach and the period for which this will exist.
- Where possible, exchange the incorrect uniform article for the correct uniform. The student’s own article of clothing will be held until the exchanged article is returned at the end of the school day.
- Where the uniform item is unavailable, and the student’s dress is deemed appropriate, the student will be issued with a slip indicating that they have followed procedures.
- Display the note to all staff, upon request, at all times.
- The student may also be issued with one of the sanctions as outlined in the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006 Section 362.
Presentation and grooming

Personal Hygiene
Students are expected at all times to take responsibility for their own cleanliness. This shows respect for self and other members of the community.

Hair
Hair should be of one natural-looking colour, worn in a neat conventional style. Multiple tones are not appropriate. Hairstyles such as Mohawks and dreadlocks are also inappropriate. There should be no extremes of hair style or presentation. Hair must be clean and tidy and comply with workplace health & safety provisions. Students with long hair need to tie it back fully. Ribbons/hair ties College are acceptable only if they are in College colours. Students should ensure that their hair is cut in a way that is out of their eyes.

Jewellery & Grooming
Students are expected to take pride in their grooming and hygiene.

Minimal, tasteful, conservative jewellery is acceptable with the College uniform. Jewellery is restricted to a wrist watch, one simple, fine chain around the neck, one set of plain studs or sleepers worn in ears only, one plain ring. Facial piercings are not permitted. No other jewellery items are permitted.

Make-up
Students are not to wear makeup or fingernail polish.

Non-uniform College occasions
Students are required to dress appropriately for the occasion and are expected to do so with the responsibility of being ambassadors for the College. On these occasions it is important that students present themselves in a manner that is neat, tasteful and meets safety requirements. Extremes of style and fashion are not acceptable.

It is not possible to set out presentation and grooming rules in a way that is ‘black and white’: there is always the need for interpretation about taste, safety and appropriateness of fashion trends and the College authorities will need to make judgements about this from time to time.

We are confident that our students will take pride in being members of the Burpengary State Secondary College community and will choose to make responsible choices about presenting themselves.

Financial Hardship
- The College 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.