**Berry Springs Primary School Dress Code Policy**

1. **Background and Rationale**

Berry Springs Primary School believes that school uniforms support self-esteem, school pride and team spirit and are designed for economy and convenience. Research shows that schools with a policy on school uniforms are more likely to be high-performing academically and also less prone to high rates of bullying, exclusion, absenteeism, suspension and poor student behaviour choices. This policy is consistent with the NT Department of Education School Uniforms and Dress Codes Policy.

1. **Aims**

The aim of this policy is to provide:

* Parents/Carers and students with a clear and common understanding of what is required in the wearing of a school uniform
* Parents/Carers with the information to work in partnership with the school and support their child’s ongoing participation as school through observing the Uniform policy.

1. **Policy Statement**

School uniform is compulsory in Transition to Year 9in government schools, in the NT.

**BSPS Students** from Transition to Year 6 are required to wear the full school uniform every day and for special events and on excursions, including the prescribed school hat.

**Parents/Carers** are expected to;

* support the School in the matter of correct uniform
* send a note with their child if, for some reason, he/she is unable to wear the school uniform on a particular day

**Berry Springs Primary School will**:

* encourage students to wear the full school uniform at all time
* provide a Uniform Shop and process NT Government Back-to-School vouchers as a means of assisting families to comply easily with this policy.

1. **Implementation:**

**Full school uniform consists of the following**

**4.1 School Uniform Shirt**

* Prescribed uniform shirt
* House shirts may be worn on Friday

**4.2 Skirts and Shorts**

* School uniform colours are green and black.
* The wearing of appropriate black is shorts/skirt/skort compulsory.
* The length of the skirt /skort/shorts should be no shorter than midway between the top of the leg and the knee.

###### **4.3 Footwear**

* Joggers or sandals (with a back strap) must be worn at all times unless a teacher requires the children to remove their shoes for a specific activity.
* If for any reason children are unable to wear shoes (eg sore foot) Parents/Carers should send a note to the class teacher.
* Thongs, slip on shoes and steel capped boots are not appropriate forms of school footwear.

**4.4 Bucket Hats “No Hat – No Sun – No Fun “**

* All students are required to wear a bucket hat to play in the playground
* Students who do not wear a bucket hat will be required to stay on the verandah during recess and lunch breaks
* Bucket hats are required for excursions

###### **4.5 Jewellery**

* Stud earrings or sleepers are acceptable at school.
* Long dangling jewellery is not appropriate.
* Jewellery worn as a result of body piercing (tongue, eyebrow etc) is not acceptable

**4.6 Make up and extension nails**

Students may not wear make-up or extension nails to school.

**4.7 Non compliance with School dress code**

Where a student consistently does not observe the School dress their families will be contacted to discuss and support where appropriate.

1. **Evaluation:**

This policy will be reviewed as part of the BSPS three year school review process.

1. **Responsibilities**

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| Principal | * developing, reviewing and communicating a dress code for their school, in consultation with their school communities * implementing support measures to assist parents in purchasing uniforms for their children, as well as measures to manage non-compliance with a dress code * ensuring that the compulsory school uniform aligns with the department’s Sun Safety in Schools policy and Sun Smart measures provided by the Cancer Council NT. |
| Teachers | * Supporting and encouraging Parent/Carers and Students to observe the School uniform dress code at all times. * Incorporating sun smart education and measures into classroom practices |
| Parent/Carer | Assist their child by:   * encouraging students to observe the School dress code at all times * contacting the relevant teacher to inform the School if at any time their child cannot observe the School dress code |

1. **Policy and References**

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| Policy | Owner | Found at |
| Work Health and Safety (National Uniform Legislation) Act | Worksafe NT | <http://www.austlii.edu.au/au/legis/nt/num_act/whasula201139o2011543/> |
| School Uniforms and Dress code Policy | NT Department of Education | <https://www.nt.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0003/258105/School-Uniforms-and-Dress-Codes-policy.pdf> |
| Sun Safety in Schools policy and forms | NT Department of Education | <https://education.nt.gov.au/education/policies/sun-safety> |
| Complaints policy, guidelines and forms | NT Department of Education | <https://education.nt.gov.au/education/policies/complaints> |
| The Back to School Payment Scheme | NT Department of Education | <https://education.nt.gov.au/education/policies/back-to-school-payments> |
| Subsidised bus travel for Northern Territory Government middle and primary school students in school uniform Information | NT Department of Education | <https://www.nt.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0003/258105/School-Uniforms-and-Dress-Codes-policy.pdf> |
| Cancer Council NT National SunSmart Schools Program | Cancer Council NT | <http://nt.cancer.org.au/preventing-cancer/sun-protection/sunsmart-schools> |

1. This policy was ratified by the Berry Springs Primary School Parent Representative Body on

Signed Principal Chairperson PRB