



BLOUBERG INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

SOUTH AFRICA

UNIFORM POLICY SCHOOL AND PE UNIFORM

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1. PREAMBLE

At Blouberg International School, we believe that a student's appearance has an impact on his/her attitudes and behaviours. School pride, respect for the school community, the educational process, and the students themselves, are in part, shown by the student's attire and grooming. The uniform policy also helps maintain a sense of modesty and equality while educating students about what is appropriate dress for the time and place.

It is the policy of the School that all students wear their uniform when attending school and, where appropriate, school related activities.

2. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The uniform policy of Blouberg International School is based on the notion that school uniform:

- promotes school pride and fosters a sense of community
- looks smart
- is practical and designed with the health and safety of the student in mind
- identifies students as belonging to the School
- limits unnecessary distractions
- enables students to feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance

3. UNIFORM UPKEEP

All uniform items are expected to be well-maintained. Any article that becomes tattered, torn, discoloured, ill fitting, has lost buttons or is otherwise deemed to be in poor repair needs to be replaced by the student's parents/ guardian. School shoes must be polished regularly and sports shoes should be kept clean. Tights may not be laddered. Uniform must always be clean.

4. ACCOUNTABILITY

The Uniform Policy reflects the entire Blouberg International School and International Education Systems community and thus it will be the responsibility of the student, their parents/ guardian and educators to uphold. All stakeholders must familiarise themselves with the uniform and hair regulations as ignorance of these is no excuse for failure to comply with the regulations.

4.1. RESPONSIBILITY OF THE STUDENT

- The student needs to choose the appropriate clothing to wear to school.
- The Student Representative Council is expected to help model the correct attire and monitor the Uniform Policy.

4.2. RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PARENTS/ GUARDIAN

- The parent/ guardian needs to scrutinize their child's attire before the child leaves for school.
- The parent/ guardian needs to ensure that their child's uniforms is clean, fits properly and is in good repair.

4.3 RESPONSIBILITY OF TEACHERS

- It is the responsibility of the teachers to monitor and ensure that the Uniform Policy is adhered to.
- It is the responsibility of each Tutor Class teacher to be the primary communicator in following up uniform infringements.

5. SIZING, CLEANING AND CARE

All items of uniform need to be appropriately sized.

- Shirts must be able to be tucked-in
- Skirts/skorts and shorts should not be more than the width of the student's own hand above the knee
- Skirts/skorts and shorts should not cover or extend beyond the kneecap
- Trousers should be worn on the ankle and should not extend beyond the heel of the shoe.

We recommend washing light colours and white clothing separately to prevent discoloration.

All items of clothing should be marked with the student's name in case it gets lost. Any lost clothing that is found will be placed in the lost property cupboard. Students who have lost an item of clothing should check the aforementioned cupboard.

6. DEVIATIONS

The School recognizes that there may be exceptional circumstances in which students need to deviate from the rules outlined in the Uniform Policy for a short period. Such instances include, but are not limited to, injuries, burglaries and house fires. Should such circumstances arise, the student's parent/ guardian should email the teacher in charge of their child's Tutor class. The letter should include supporting documentation (as applicable), as well as a date by which the deviation should be corrected.

7. GENERAL RULES REGARDING UNIFORM

Students need to wear their full uniform at all times, whether at school, attending a school function or in public. Shoes and socks/ tights must be worn at all times, unless permitted for a special reason, e.g. a break time activity. Shirts need to be fully buttoned.

7.1 SCHOOL BAGS

School bags must be navy, black or any neutral colour. Tog bags with slogans and logos printed on them are not permitted.

7.2 RAINCOATS AND WINDBREAKERS

Plain navy or black raincoats or windbreakers may be worn to school. Slogans, graphics, embellishments and decorative elements are not permitted. These should be removed before entering the classroom.

7.3 SCARVES, GLOVES AND BEANIES

Plain navy or black scarves and gloves may be worn. Plain navy or black beanies may be worn when commuting to or from school, but must be removed upon entering the building. Slogans, graphics, embellishments and decorative elements are not permitted.

7.4 BLAZERS (KS2 AND HIGH SCHOOL)

Only navy school blazers may be worn. These must have a school badge on the breast pocket. Blazer buttons should be silver in colour.

7.5 JERSEYS AND FLEECE TOPS

Only Blouberg International School jerseys and fleece tops are permitted.

7.6 SHIRTS

a. FORMAL SHIRTS (KS2 AND HIGH SCHOOL)

Formal short or long-sleeve white shirts are worn with the formal uniform. These must have the school badge printed on the breast pocket.

b. GOLF SHIRTS

Only navy Blouberg International School short or long-sleeve golf shirts may be worn as part of the everyday or PE uniform.

7.7 TROUSERS, SKIRTS AND SHORTS

a. TROUSERS (KS2 AND HIGH SCHOOL)

• BOYS' TROUSERS

Boys must wear the stone trousers sold from the uniform stockist with their formal and everyday uniforms.

• GIRLS' TROUSERS

Girls in Years 8 to 12 may also wear trousers. However, until these are stocked by the uniform shop, the trousers selected must adhere to certain specifications:

- Be the same stone colour as the boys' trousers
- Should extend below the ankle, but not extend beyond the heel of the shoe
- May not be tight-fitting
- Should have a normal waist.

Girls wishing to wear trousers need to show a clear image of the trousers they wish to purchase to the Discipline Coordinator for approval. Trousers that are not approved may not be worn. Once trousers are stocked by the uniform shop, girls will need to purchase the approved pair of trousers.

b. SKIRTS/SKORTS AND SHORTS (KS2 AND HIGH SCHOOL)

Girls may wear skirts/skorts in summer and winter. These must be the appropriate length (see Section 5).

Boys may wear shorts in summer. These must be the appropriate length (see Section 5).

7.8 PE TRACKSUIT

The PE tracksuit should be worn as a matching tracksuit. Fleece tops may not be worn with tracksuit pants.

7.9 BELTS (KS2 AND HIGH SCHOOL)

Plain black or brown leather belts may be worn with trousers. These should have small, plain buckles.

7.10 SOCKS

a. FOUNDATION STAGE and KS1

Students should wear white ankle socks. Anklets and secret socks are not permitted.

b. KS2 AND HIGH SCHOOL

Students should wear navy ankle socks. Anklets and secret socks are not permitted.

7.11 SHOES

a. SCHOOL SHOES (KS2 AND HIGH SCHOOL)

Only black school shoes (lace up, crossbar, T-bar) are permitted with the formal and everyday uniforms. Shoes must be able to be polished (i.e. no suede or fabric).

b. SPORTS SHOES

Sports shoes should be clean and of a good fit. Sneakers, crocs, sandals, slippers and similar shoes are not permitted.

- **FOUNDATION STAGE and KS1**

Mostly white shoes should be worn.

- **KS2 and HIGH SCHOOL**

Mostly white shoes are encouraged. Black, grey and blue or similar subdued colours are also permitted. (Students should ask if they are uncertain.)

7.12 BADGES (KS2 AND HIGH SCHOOL)

- **POCKET BADGES ON BLAZERS**

Students must have the school badge stitched onto the breast pocket of their blazer. These are available from the uniform stockist.

- **POCKET BADGES ON WHITE FORMAL SHIRTS**

Students need to have the school badge on the pocket of their white short and long sleeve formal shirts. These are available from the uniform stockist.

- **PIN BADGES**

Only badges that are issued by the school may be worn (e.g. SRC, school clubs, etc). These should be pinned to the lapel of the student's blazer.

7.13 MAKEUP

No makeup is allowed with school uniform. Students may wear moisturizer and sunblock over natural skin.

7.14 NAILS

Nails must be clean and should not extend beyond the tips of the fingers.

Nail extensions, gel/ acrylic/ other overlays, nail polish and nail décor are not permitted. Year 11 and 12 students may wear clear nail varnish.

7.15 TATTOOS AND BODY ART

Tattoos (permanent and non-permanent) and body art (including piercings, with the exception of the ears) is not permitted. Students with tattoos need to keep them covered at all times.

7.16 HATS

Students may only wear the Blouberg International School navy peak cap or navy sun hat.

Hats or caps are compulsory for all students engaged in outdoor educational activities. Hats and caps may also be worn at break.

7.17 JEWELLERY

The wearing of jewellery is not encouraged and is done so at the student's own risk. Blouberg International School will not be held responsible for any loss or damages incurred. Jewellery should not be worn when playing sport.

a. EARRINGS (GIRLS ONLY)

One plain (round) gold or silver sleeper or stud may be worn in the lobe of each ear. Students with additional earrings should remove them, cover them with a plaster or wear a neutral bolt. The ring of the sleeper should be small (i.e. should not exceed 2cm in diameter). Stretchers may not be worn.

b. WATCHES

A simple analogue or digital watch may be worn on the student's wrist.

c. OTHER JEWELLERY

Only jewellery of a medical nature or that has special religious significance to the student may be worn. This should be discussed with the Discipline Coordinator.

7.18 HYGIENE AND GROOMING

Student's personal hygiene and grooming are of paramount importance. Students should bath/ shower and brush their teeth daily. Deodorant should be worn when developmentally appropriate. Only non-aerosol deodorants are permitted on campus. Students should not share grooming items (e.g. brushes and deodorant). Clothing should be washed regularly.

7.19 UNDERWEAR

Underwear, vests and spencers should not be visible.

8 HAIR

8.11 GENERAL

- Hair should be neat at all times.
- Hair that is shoulder-length or longer should be tied back.
- Hair ties and other accessories may be navy or white, or of a neutral colour that matches the student's hair (e.g. black or brown).
- Hair must be a consistent natural colour. Streaks, highlights, lowlights and multiple tones are not permitted.

- Mowhawks, punk styles and other hairstyles or colours that may cause comment are not permitted.
- Small quantities of gel are permitted to keep the hair neat.

8.12 FACIAL HAIR

- Boys need to be clean-shaven at all times.

9 CIVVIES DAYS

Students may wear only clothing that is suitable to the educational environment and community context.

- No offensive/ distasteful slogans or graphics may be worn or displayed on clothing or jewellery. This includes, but is not limited to, smoking, alcohol, illegal substances, violence, sex and offensive language or symbols.
- No headgear (caps, hats and beanies) may be worn inside the building.
- Shorts and skirts should not be worn shorter than the width of the student's own hand above the knee.
- Minimal make-up may be worn.
- Long hair may be worn loose, provided it is kept out of the eyes. Students opting to wear their hair loose should be able to tie it back when appropriate (e.g. when working in the Chemistry laboratory).

10 CONSEQUENCES OF UNIFORM INFRINGEMENTS

Students whose uniform and/or grooming and/or hygiene are found to be in contravention of the Uniform Policy and do not have a note from their parents/ guardian in this regard (see Section 6) can expect to face consequences. These consequences will be based on the severity of the infringement, as well as the student's year group and may include:

- A verbal reprimand/ Parents/ guardian contacted
- Being asked to remove an incorrect item (e.g. a ring)
- Break detention
- Detention
- Final Warning and parents/ guardian contacted
- Suspension/ Hearing/ Expulsion

11 UNIFORM COMBINATIONS

Uniform combinations per Key Stage, season and gender are outlined in the table below. Please note that uniform combinations may not be mixed.

11.1. FOUNDATION PHASE AND KEY STAGE 1
SUMMER: Terms 1 and 4
Boys and girls
Navy golf shirt (short sleeves) PE shorts White ankle socks Mostly white sports shoes Note: The tracksuit top may be worn if students are cold.
WINTER: Terms 2 and 3
Boys and girls
PE tracksuit Navy golf shirt (short/ long sleeves) White ankle socks Mostly white sports shoes

11.2. KEY STAGE 2	
SUMMER: Terms 1 and 4	
FORMAL UNIFORM (Assembly day)	
Boys	Girls
Navy blazer with badge on pocket Formal white shirt with badge on pocket – short sleeves BIS jersey with badge – sleeves or sleeveless (OPTIONAL) Stone trousers or shorts Belt Navy ankle socks Black school shoes BIS cap or sunhat may be worn outside	Navy blazer with badge on pocket Formal white shirt with badge on pocket – short sleeves BIS jersey with badge – sleeves or sleeveless (OPTIONAL) Tartan skirt/ skort Navy ankle socks Black school shoes BIS cap or sunhat may be worn outside
EVERYDAY UNIFORM (All other weekdays)	
Boys	Girls
BIS navy golf shirt (short sleeves) Stone trousers or shorts Belt Navy ankle socks Black school shoes BIS fleece top (OPTIONAL) BIS cap or sunhat may be worn outside	BIS navy golf shirt (short sleeves) Tartan skirt/ skort Navy ankle socks Black school shoes BIS fleece top (OPTIONAL) BIS cap or sunhat may be worn outside

WINTER: Terms 2 and 3	
FORMAL UNIFORM (Assembly day)	
Boys	Girls
Navy blazer with badge on pocket BIS tie Formal white shirt with badge on pocket – short sleeves BIS jersey with badge – sleeves or sleeveless Stone trousers Belt Navy ankle socks Black school shoes BIS cap or sunhat may be worn outside	Navy blazer with badge on pocket Formal white shirt with badge on pocket – long sleeves BIS jersey with badge – sleeves or sleeveless Tartan skirt/ skort Black tights Black school shoes BIS cap or sunhat may be worn outside
EVERYDAY UNIFORM (All other weekdays)	
Boys	Girls
BIS navy golf shirt (short/ long sleeves) Stone trousers or shorts Belt Navy ankle socks Black school shoes BIS fleece top BIS cap or sunhat may be worn outside	BIS navy golf shirt (short/ long sleeves) Tartan skirt/ skort Black tights Black school shoes BIS fleece top BIS cap or sunhat may be worn outside
WINTER AND SUMMER	
PE UNIFORM	
Boys and girls	
BIS navy golf shirt (short sleeves) PE shorts (PE tracksuit pants may be worn in winter) White ankle socks Mostly white sports shoes (KS1); mostly white sports shoes (or black, grey or blue) (KS2) BIS cap or sunhat PE tracksuit top (OPTIONAL in summer)	

11.3. HIGH SCHOOL	
SUMMER: Terms 1 and 4	
FORMAL UNIFORM (Assembly day. AS Level and Honours students may wear formal uniform on any day.)	
Boys	Girls
Navy blazer with badge on pocket Formal white shirt with badge on pocket – short sleeves BIS jersey with badge – sleeves or sleeveless (OPTIONAL)	Navy blazer with badge on pocket Formal white shirt with badge on pocket – short sleeves BIS jersey with badge – sleeves or sleeveless (OPTIONAL)

Stone trousers or shorts Belt Navy ankle socks Black school shoes BIS cap or sunhat may be worn outside	Tartan skirt/ skort <i>OR</i> stone trousers (Year 8-12 only) Navy ankle socks Black school shoes BIS cap or sunhat may be worn outside
EVERYDAY UNIFORM (All other weekdays)	
Boys	Girls
BIS navy golf shirt (short sleeves) Stone trousers or shorts Belt Navy ankle socks Black school shoes BIS fleece top (OPTIONAL) BIS cap or sunhat may be worn outside	BIS navy golf shirt (short sleeves) Tartan skirt/ skort <i>OR</i> stone trousers (Year 8-12 girls only) Navy ankle socks Black school shoes BIS fleece top (OPTIONAL) BIS cap or sunhat may be worn outside
WINTER: Terms 2 and 3	
FORMAL UNIFORM (Assembly day. AS Level and honours students may wear formal uniform on any day.)	
Boys	Girls
Navy blazer with badge on pocket Formal white shirt with badge on pocket – short sleeves BIS tie BIS jersey with badge – sleeves or sleeveless Stone trousers Belt Navy ankle socks Black school shoes BIS cap or sunhat may be worn outside	Navy blazer with badge on pocket Formal white shirt with badge on pocket – long sleeves BIS jersey with badge – sleeves or sleeveless Tartan skirt/ skort <i>OR</i> stone trousers (Year 8-12 only) Black tights (worn with skirt/ skort) <i>OR</i> navy ankle socks (worn with trousers) Black school shoes BIS cap or sunhat may be worn outside
EVERYDAY UNIFORM (All other weekdays)	
Boys	Girls
BIS navy golf shirt (short/ long sleeves) Stone trousers or shorts Belt Navy ankle socks Black school shoes BIS fleece top BIS cap or sunhat may be worn outside	BIS navy golf shirt (short/ long sleeves) Tartan skirt/ skort <i>OR</i> stone trousers (Year 8-12 girls only) Black tights (worn with skirt/ skort) <i>OR</i> navy ankle socks (worn with trousers) Black school shoes BIS fleece top BIS cap or sunhat may be worn outside

WINTER AND SUMMER	
PE UNIFORM (Year 7 and 8 students may wear this on any day they have PE.)	
Boys and girls	
BIS navy golf shirt (short sleeves) PE shorts (PE tracksuit pants may be worn in winter) White ankle socks Mostly white sports shoes (or black, grey or blue) BIS cap or sunhat PE tracksuit top (OPTIONAL in summer)	