Rationale
The wearing of school uniform contributes to the safe and welcoming environment at Bonython Primary School. Bonython Primary School's uniform was well established when the school was originally established in consultation with the educational community. The uniform is well accepted and on the whole worn by the majority of students. Its unusual colour makes our students easily identifiable both in the school and at events out in the community.

Our school uniform
- provides easy identification of Bonython students on the playground areas and on excursions (and therefore clear when there is a non school person on the playground
- is cost effective for parents
- reduces peer pressure on students to wear expensive fashion clothing to school
- creates a sense of belonging and school pride

Purpose
The school places a high priority on the health and safety of students, staff and visitors. It is the responsibility of the parent or guardian to ensure that students attend school satisfactorily attired and suitably protected for all school activities and from the sun.

The Bonython uniform allows for
- comfort
- cost effectiveness
- senior students to work with staff to develop their own senior polo shirt

Procedures

Implementation Procedures
- All students and parents are informed of the school's uniform policy on enrolment and asked for their support
- There is regular reinforcement of the uniform policy in a positive way through newsletters, parent meetings and school activities
- Students are regularly reminded of the policy
- The P&C runs a uniform shop
- When students leave, parents are encouraged to donate uniforms to a second-hand shop
- Students are required to wear official school uniform on all school excursions
- Students are required to wear official school uniform when representing the school

Students not in school uniform
- Where there is persistent non-compliance with the policy, parents will be asked to discuss the issue with the principal (or delegate)
- Where parents have financial difficulty, they are asked to discuss the issue with the principal (or delegate).
- Non-compliance with the uniform policy may result in
  - offer of appropriate clothing from a bank of uniforms held at the school,
  - withdrawal of permission to represent the school,
  - withdrawal of permission to participate in an event which, in the opinion of the principal, is not part of the educational program
  - informing parents or carers of the incident with a view to preventing recurrence and implementation of a conflict resolution procedure or mediation
  - withdrawal of permission to participate in activities where wearing of official school uniform is a key requirement.
Special considerations
Consideration will be given to
• mobile families requiring sufficient time to purchase items of dress,
• lack of availability of an item,
• a matter relating to the student’s health,
• economic hardship requiring special arrangements, or an extended period of time to purchase new items of dress,
• conscientious objections, for example objections raised on any reasonable religious or cultural grounds and
• an exemption from wearing school uniform granted by the principal.

Bonython School Uniform

Official Uniform
• Valley Green polo or T-shirt or long sleeve shirt
• Navy shorts/ pants/ skorts/ wrap skirts
• Navy sloppy joe with green stripe or plain navy jumper/ hooded top/ cardigan
• Navy leggings or tights under sports skirt
• Year 5 & 6 Polo shirt (designed by students with staff to identify the senior students in the school)
• Closed in shoes
• Navy broad brimmed or legionnaires hat

Suitable alternative
• Blue jeans
• Green and blue checker on white background school uniform dress

Please note:
Bonython Primary School is a Sun Smart school and students are asked to wear their hats between September and April.