

Student Dress Code Policy

Responsibility	Assistant Principal, Wellbeing
Endorsed by	School Council – March 2023
Due for Review	March 2026



<p>Purpose</p>	<p>A student dress code reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community, and assists in developing pride in representing their school. Issues of equality, health and safety, and expense are also factors that contribute to the establishment of the Dress Code.</p> <p>This policy strives to ensure that all staff, students, parents, and community members including visitors, are treated with respect regardless of their sex, gender identity, socio-economic status, cultural background, religious beliefs, sexual orientation or level of ability.</p>
<p>Aims</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To promote equality amongst all students ▪ To further develop a sense of pride in, and identification with our school ▪ To provide durable clothing that is cost effective and practical for our school environment ▪ To maintain and enhance the positive image of the school in the community.
<p>Scope</p>	<p>Students are expected to comply with this Student Dress Code while traveling to and from school, during school hours and when attending school activities.</p>
<p>Exemptions</p>	<p>We recognise that there may be situations where the application of this dress code may affect students unequally.</p> <p>Students and their parents or carers may apply either in writing or in person to the Principal for an exemption to this Student Dress Code if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ an aspect of this code prevents the student from complying with a requirement of their religious, ethnic or cultural beliefs or background ▪ the student has a particular disability or health condition that requires a departure from the dress code ▪ the student or their parents/carers can demonstrate particular economic hardship that prevents them from complying with the dress code. <p>When the Principal receives a request for an exemption, they will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ consider the grounds for the exemption request ▪ explain the process to the student and/or their parents/carers ▪ encourage the student and/or their parents/carers to support their application with evidence. <p>The Principal or delegate will then try to negotiate a resolution that is acceptable to all parties. If an exemption is not allowed, then written reasons will be provided to the student and/or their parents or carers.</p>
<p>Special Events</p>	<p>Throughout the year we have special events where students are not required to wear school uniform and encouraged to wear clothing appropriate for the event. Some examples of these</p>

	<p>events include camp, free dress days, dress up days (e.g. Book Week, team sports, Harmony Day, some excursions).</p> <p>Events which allow students to come to school out of uniform will be communicated to families via Sentral and the school newsletter.</p>
Communication	<p>This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Available publicly on our school's website (or insert other online parent/carer/student communication method) ▪ Reminders in our school newsletter ▪ Discussed in student forums ▪ Included in staff handbook/manual ▪ Discussed at staff briefings/meetings as required ▪ Included in transition and enrolment packs ▪ Discussed at parent information nights/sessions ▪ Hard copy available from school administration upon request

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FOOTWEAR	Black school shoes or boots (flat heel only) <i>or</i> runners that provide adequate support for normal school activities, preferably predominantly black. <i>No wheelies or spikes.</i>
SOCKS	Plain black, white or red socks or tights
TOPS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Red polo shirt ▪ Red crew neck windcheater ▪ School bomber jacket in black and red <p><i>Plain black or red skivvy, thermal or shirt (no logos or prints) can be worn <u>under</u> shirts or jumpers.</i></p> <p>Year 6 windcheater or polo shirt (for current year, as approved by the Principal), to be worn by Year 6 students only.</p>
DRESS	Red and white gingham dress. Full length, black cotton leggings may be worn under the dress. <i>Black bike shorts may be worn but not visible below the hemline.</i>
PANTS	<u>Full length black</u> fleecy track pants, trousers or cotton leggings. <i>No logos or stripes. No jeans or lace.</i>
SKORTS and SHORTS	Plain black shorts or skort with no logos or stripes, at least mid-thigh in length. <i>No netball or ballerina skirts and no footy, jeans or bike shorts.</i>
HATS and HEADWEAR	<p>Hat: From 1st September – 30th April all students in Prep to Year 6 are required to wear a sun hat. Sun hats, such as a legionnaire's or slouch hat, must protect student's head, face, neck and ears. Sun hats must be red. From 1st May – 31st August, Beanies are permitted. Beanies must be all red or all black.</p> <p>Baseball caps are not sunsmart and not permitted.</p> <p>Scarves: Black or red</p> <p>Cultural Headwear: Headscarves and hijabs should be plain in design, preferably predominantly in one of the school colours - red or black or white.</p>
HAIR and ACCESSORIES	<p>Hair: All hair decorations to be black or red. All shoulder length hair to be tied back.</p> <p>Make Up: Cosmetics, including nail polish may not be worn at school, unless for designated occasions, with the approval of the Principal.</p> <p>Jewellery: stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, plus watches, are the only acceptable jewellery, e.g. large hoops and earrings that dangle from the ear may not be worn, for safety reasons</p> <p>Wrist wear: A wristwatch or fitness tracker (i.e., Fitbit) may be worn. Any device with mobile or camera capability is not permitted.</p>