

Student Dress Code Policy

Purpose

A Uniform Dress Code provides:

- Students with pride in their own appearance
- Recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community
- Pride when representing their school
- Equality, and a practical and economical range of clothing
- **Aims**
- 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 our school in the community

Implementation

- The Dress Code applies during school hours, whilst travelling to and from school and when students are on school excursions
- Wide brimmed or hats (SunSmart approved) must be worn in Terms 1 and 4.
- Parent co-operation will be sought to ensure correct uniform is worn.
- The student Dress Code, including details of uniform items and places of purchase, will be published in the newsletter at the start of each year, on the school website and in the school information folders given out to prospective and new students.
- School Council requires the Principal to be responsible for implementation of the Dress Code in a manner consistent with the Student Code of Conduct.

The School Uniform Consists of:

Summer

- Summer Dress - school print (only to be worn in Terms 1 & 4)
- Dress Fabric Culottes - school print (only to be worn in Terms 1 & 4)
- Skort Navy
- Windcheater Navy
- Plain Track Pants Navy (no stripes, checks or logos)
- Unisex Shorts (just above the knee) Navy
- Bootleg Pants Navy
- Rugby Shorts Navy
- Polar Fleece Jacket Navy
- Polar Fleece Vest Navy
- Wide-brimmed Hat (SunSmart approved)
- Bomber Jacket Navy with Emerald Sleeves and stripes on cuffs and collar
- **Netball Skirts and Leggings are not allowed**

Winter

- Box Pleat Skirt Navy
- Box Pleat Tunic Navy
- Short Sleeved Polo Shirts – contrast inserts – navy, emerald & white
- Long Sleeved Polo Shirts – contrast inserts – navy, emerald & white embroidery
- Bomber Jacket – Navy with Emerald sleeves and stripes on cuffs and collar
- Windcheater Navy
- Track Pants Navy
- Unisex Shorts (just above the knee) Navy
- Bootleg Pants Navy
- Rugby Shorts Navy
- Polar Fleece Jacket Navy
- Polar Fleece Vest Navy
- Skivvy – White or Navy (under tunics only)
- **Netball Skirts and Leggings are not allowed**

No other coloured T-shirts or long-sleeved shirts to be worn under any part of the school uniform if visible.

Sport Uniform

- Short Sleeved Sublimated Polo Shirt – **Years 5 & 6 students only**

Footwear

Shoes should be appropriate for school wear such as black school shoes or lace up/Velcro runners. For safety reasons thongs, surf thongs and open toed sandals are not permitted.

Socks – navy or white

Jewellery

Earrings: For safety reasons only studs or sleepers should be worn, one per lobe (with a diameter no bigger than 10mm). No other visible piercing acceptable (eyebrows, tops of ears, etc).

Make Up

No make-up or nail polish should be worn to school and no visible tattoos.

Hairstyles

Extreme hairstyles are not permitted. This includes brightly coloured, striped, bleached, spiked or dyed hair or hair extensions.

The Student Dress Code reinforces the important consideration of "SunSmart" procedures. As such, all students are required to wear the approved wide brimmed hat during sun danger periods (compulsory during Terms 1, Term 2 until the end of April and 4) whilst in the playground. Children who do not have a hat during Term 1, Term 2 until the end of April and Term 4 are restricted to the shaded area near the library, during recess and lunch breaks. For the safety of our students and to provide a sense of unity in public, Aspendale Gardens students will not be permitted to attend out of school activities (i.e. excursions, neighbourhood walks, swimming, representative school teams, trips, etc.) unless they meet the requirements of the Student Dress Code.

In designing its Student Dress Code the School Council has been mindful to ensure that the style of clothing is reasonable by contemporary standards; is suitable to the role of being a student and to the tasks performed as a student; that health and safety issues have been considered; and allows for some provision for individual expression through the offering of a range of alternatives.

Exemptions from the Dress Code:

A process for the granting of exemptions from the Student Dress Code is provided to ensure that the School Council can comply with its obligation under equal opportunity laws. These reasons for exemption allow the School Council to determine a uniform standard across all students, but to still recognise cases in which the application of these standards may affect some students unequally.

Grounds for exemption after consultation with the Principal to the Student Dress Code will be provided where:

- an aspect of the code offends a religious belief held by the student
- an aspect of the code prevents the student from complying with a requirement of his or her ethnic or cultural background
- an aspect of the code prevents students with disabilities from being able to attend school or participate in school activities on the same terms as other students
- the student has a particular health condition that requires an aspect of the code to be departed from. This must be accompanied by a medical certificate.

In the case of where the parents can demonstrate particular economic hardship that prevents them from complying with the code, arrangements can be made with the Principal.

The school may also declare "free" days or social service days where students are allowed to wear clothing or change their appearance to other than that stipulated in the Student Dress Code.

To protect the privacy of students, the School Council has delegated to the school Principal the power to grant exemptions. A written record of the decision on any application for an exemption and the reasons for the decision will be kept confidential.

Where exemption to the Student Dress Code is required, parents should contact the Principal or Assistant Principal. If it is a temporary matter (i.e. failure to have clothing washed/dried; waiting for damaged or out grown items to be replaced through an order placed at the uniform shop) a letter should be sent to the student's teacher explaining the situation. If no representation or letter is sent to the class teacher, Principal or Assistant Principal then the child will be placed in the restricted play area for that day.

Enforcement of the Dress Code:

The following procedure will be implemented when the Aspendale Gardens Primary School's Dress Code is not followed, and no written explanation is received.

- 1) The class teacher will phone or send a standard letter to the parent reminding them of their responsibility in ensuring the adherence to the school's Dress Code.
- 2) If this fails to solve the matter, the Principal or Assistant Principal will arrange a meeting with the parents.
- 3) If no satisfactory explanation is given the matter will be referred to the School Council.

Issues such as above will be addressed with the students and then taken up with the student's parents. All prospective students and parents will be notified of the Student Dress Code requirements prior to enrolment at the school.

Review of the Dress Code:

The Student Dress Code will be reviewed bi-annually. Reviews of the Student Dress Code will be handled by the School Council and will involve a process of consultation with the community. Recommendations will be passed on to School Council for review and, if necessary, adoption of adjustments to the policy as agreed.

For students transferring to the school, the school uniform from the previous school will be acceptable until this needs to be replaced. If no uniform is present upon enrolment, new students have two weeks to comply with the Student Dress Code.

Uniforms can be purchased through the PSW Uniform Shop, 22/13 Gateway Drive, Carrum Downs

Evaluation:

This policy will be reviewed as a part of the four-year review cycle.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in June 2018.