



Student Dress Code Policy

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Sydenham Primary School's requirements for student dress and appearance and to provide information about uniform purchase and support, dress code implementation and exemption processes.

This dress code has been developed by Sydenham Primary School's School Council in close consultation with our school community to ensure that it respects the rights of individual students whilst reflecting the values and interests of our community.

The Student Dress Code aims to:

- foster a sense of community and belonging and encourages students to develop pride in their appearance
- support Sydenham Primary School's commitment to ensuring that our students feel equal and are dressed safely and appropriately for school activities
- reduce student competition on the basis of clothing
- enhance the profile and identity of the school and its students within the wider community.

SCOPE

Students are expected to comply with this Student Dress Code while traveling to and from school, during school hours and when attending school activities.

UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE

The full list of Example School's compulsory school uniform items are available at Appendix A to this policy.

General appearance

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, students must comply with the following:

- Uniforms must be clean and in good repair
- Uniforms should be clearly marked with the owner's name
- Additional layers of clothing may be worn underneath the uniform for added warmth, provided these undergarments are completely hidden
- Studs, sleepers and watches are the only acceptable jewellery
- Any make up or nail polish must be neutral tones only

Health and safety

- Shoulder length or longer hair is to be tied back to help restrict the spread of lice and for student safety.
- Jewellery, nails, hair accessories and similar items that interfere with students' ability to engage with school activities safely and fully are not permitted.
- Students who wear braids or locs may wear them loose, except for applied technology classes where hair should be tied back for safety purposes.

- School uniform hats must be worn outside from 1st September to 30 April and on any other day prescribed by the school. School uniform hats may also be worn outside of this time period, by parent or student choice.
- Hats are not to be worn inside.
- Students are permitted to wear sunglasses during outdoor activities. Sunglasses should be close-fitting, wrap-around that meet the Australian Standards 1067 and cover as much of the eye area as possible.

PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS

Uniform items can be purchased from Noones 543 Keilor Road Niddrie Vic 3042, or parents may order it online at <https://www.noone.com.au/>

The School Council has considered affordability in the development of this dress code. However, if you are facing difficulty meeting uniform costs the [Help with school costs and fees](#) page provides advice on support offered by the Victorian Government. If your child is starting prep or year 7 and is eligible to receive support via the [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund](#), you may be eligible to access the Affordable School Uniform (ASU) program.

Please contact the principal or see the office staff to discuss support that we may be able to provide.

IMPLEMENTATION

Sydenham Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website, newsletter and usual school communication methods (Sentral and Dojo). We will assist students who may be experiencing difficulties complying with this policy where possible.

If a student is out of school uniform or otherwise breaches the Student Dress Code on a recurring basis, a note will be provided to the student and parents by the classroom teacher. If non-compliance with the dress code becomes a continued occurrence, the principal will be informed and a phone call home may be required. In this event, the school will continue to work with the student and family to support compliance.

Measures taken by Sydenham Primary School to address concerns about student non-compliance with the Student Dress Code will also be addressed in accordance with our Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy.

EXEMPTIONS TO STUDENT DRESS CODE

We acknowledge that there might be instances where the enforcement of this dress code could impact students differently.

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:

- 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 financial hardship that prevents them from complying with the dress code.

When the Principal receives a request for an exemption, they will:

- 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.

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.

CONCERNS ABOUT THIS STUDENT DRESS CODE

Sydenham Primary School welcomes feedback from the school community in relation to this Student Dress Code. If you have a concern or complaint about the Student Dress Code, further information about raising a concern or complaint is available in our school's *Parent Complaint Policy*, available on our website.

COMMUNICATION

This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways:

- Available publicly on our school's website
- Reminders in our school newsletter
- Discussed in student forums
- 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

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Sydenham Primary School Sunsmart Policy
- Sydenham Primary School Parent Complaint Policy
- Sydenham Primary School Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy
- Department of Education and Training [Student Dress Code](#)
- Department of Education and Training [Student Engagement policies and guidelines](#).

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Policy last reviewed	Nov 2025
Consultation	School Council, Parents
Approved by	School Council
Next scheduled review date	Dec 2029

APPENDIX A: SYDENHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM ITEMS

All year round

The following items may be worn all year round, with either summer or winter uniform items:

Jumper or jacket

Royal blue windcheater or jacket with school logo

Polo shirts

Royal blue long and short sleeved with school logo.

Skorts

Plain royal blue skorts without decoration or brand name and in winter can be worn with navy blue tights/stockings.

Shorts or Pants

Plain, royal blue track pants without decoration or brand name

Dresses

Summer blue and white checked dress

Socks or tights/stockings

Blue or white socks

Blue tights/stockings

Footwear

Appropriate footwear is to be worn. Black school shoes or runners are preferred. For safety reasons no thongs or surf style sandals or heeled shoes are to be worn at school.

Headwear

Blue or white head bands, hair ribbons, "scrunchies" or headwear worn as part of cultural/religious beliefs. Elastic Bands used to tie up hair may be worn in any colour.

Hats – to be worn from 1st September to 30 April

Navy broadbrim without decoration or brand name.