

Student Dress Code Policy

Purpose

The Derrimut Primary School student dress code aims to:

- foster a sense of community and belonging and encourages students to develop pride in their appearance
- support Derrimut 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.

The School Council has developed a dress code that we believe provides a range of choices for students and is cost effective for families.

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.

Policy

General Appearance

While at school, or participating in school activities, Derrimut Primary School students must comply with the following:

- Uniforms must be clean and in good repair
- Uniforms must be clearly marked with the owner's name
- Additional layers of clothing may be worn underneath uniform for added warmth, provided these undergarments are completely hidden or navy blue in colour – no hoods permitted.
- 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.

Uniform options include a choice of:

- Blue, white and orange check dress
- Navy and orange check winter Pinafore or skirt
- Navy blue shorts or skirt
- Bike shorts may be worn under dress.
- Royal blue polo shirt with vertical single navy blue stripe and orange trim – with school logo
- Navy blue jumper or vest with royal blue vertical stripe and orange trim – with school logo
- Plain Navy blue Track Suit pants or Trousers (No Jeans)
- School hat – provided by school upon enrolment and available for purchase from office
- Navy blue skivvy

- Appropriate footwear (no open-toed shoes permitted) for daily school activities, for Physical Education and related activities
- Year 6 jackets will be available for purchase each year for Year 6 students

Jewellery:

- Wearing of jewellery, other than wrist watches, is not encouraged.
- Sleepers or stud earrings only

Purchase of School Uniform

Uniform items can be purchased from Noone's in Niddrie or the Uniform Shop available weekly behind the general office at school. School hats with edging to match student house colour will be provided once by the school to each student. These are available for purchase from the front office in case of loss.

A limited amount of quality second-hand uniform is available for purchase for \$5 an item from the front office.

Support for families experiencing difficulty

Please contact the general office or member of the leadership team to discuss support that we may be able to provide to families experiencing difficulty meeting uniform costs, including information about eligibility for uniform support through State Schools' Relief. Further information about State Schools' Relief is also available on their website: <https://www.ssr.net.au/>

Implementation

Derrimut Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website and newsletter. 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, a phone call home may be required. In this event, the school will continue to work with the student and family to support compliance.

Exemptions to the Dress Code

We recognise that there may be situations where the application of this dress code may affect students unequally.

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 economic 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 the Dress Code

Derrimut 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 or upon request from the general office.

Further Information

- Department of Education and Training [Student Dress Code](#)
- Department of Education and Training [Student Engagement policies and guidelines](#).

Evaluation

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's annual review cycle.

This policy was last reviewed by School Council in August 2019 and will be reviewed in 2023.