

Nearnung Primary School Student Dress Code



Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact Nearnung Primary School.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Nearnung 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 Nearnung 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 our 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.

UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE

Hats - students must wear a suitable Sunsmart hat when outdoors in Terms 1 and 4. Students are encouraged to wear protective headwear such as beanies in Terms 2 and 3 when outdoors. Hats are not to be worn inside. Acceptable hats need to be plain black or dark grey in a bucket style or a broad brimmed hat.

Headscarves and Turbans – are preferred to be in school colours only – eucalyptus green, grey or pale yellow.

Hair Accessories – are preferred to be in school colours only – eucalyptus green, grey or pale yellow. Long hair should be tied back.

Jewellery – decorative jewellery is not to be worn to school. Stud earrings and sleepers are acceptable. Watches are permitted.

Socks – must be in school colours only (grey, black or white).

Shoes – black shoes are preferred; black runners are acceptable. All shoes must have an enclosed toe box.

Dresses and Skirt – Knee high or short socks in school colours must be worn with dresses or grey or white tights – no long pants are to be worn under the dress except in the case of cultural reasons (leggings are acceptable, no track pants).

Pants/Trousers – must be dark grey and can be worn with tops and jackets only – not with dresses, skirts except in the case of cultural reasons.

Jumper/ Vest/ Soft Shell Jacket - can be worn with dresses, skirts, shorts and trousers.

Sports Uniform – are encouraged to be worn on the days students are doing sport or physical education Classes and may also be worn on non-sport/PE days. These may be top, shorts, skirt or tracksuit pants.

General appearance

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, Nearnung 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
- Shirts should be tucked in at all times
- Additional layers of clothing may be worn underneath the uniform for added warmth, provided these undergarments are completely hidden.

Jewellery and cosmetics

Students are not permitted to wear decorative jewellery to school. Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, and watches, are the only acceptable jewellery.

Cosmetics may not be worn at school. Only clear nail polish is permitted.

Hair

Shoulder length or longer hair is to be tied back to help restrict the spread of nits and lice and for student safety.

Sunglasses

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

The Uniform Policy including details of uniform items and places of purchase, will be included in the enrolment pack and published on the school website.

Please contact the Principal or Business Manager 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

Nearnung Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website and at the time of enrolment. 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, it will be communicated to the student and parents by the classroom teacher in Compass or over the phone. 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 Nearnung 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 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 THIS STUDENT DRESS CODE

Nearnung 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 *Complaint Policy*.

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

- Nearnung Primary School Sun Protection Policy
- Nearnung Primary School Complaint Policy
- Nearnung Primary School Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy
- Nearnung Primary School Inclusion and Diversity Policy
- Department of Education [Student Dress Code](#)
- Department of Education [Student Engagement](#)

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

For future reviews of this Student Dress Code, we will consult with our school community through the following mechanisms:

- letters, emails and social media messages to parents/carers
- surveys
- information in newsletters
- student meetings
- focus groups

The community will be given advance notice of the consultation process and timelines. The consultation will be open for at least 2 weeks.

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