



Student Dress Code Policy



Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact the administration office.

Purpose

A Student Dress Code reinforces a student's 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.

The purpose of the Student Dress Code Policy is to outline Aitken Creek 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 Aitken Creek Primary School's School Council in 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 Aitken Creek Primary School's commitment to ensuring that our students feel equal and are dressed safely, appropriately and practically 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 student 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 travelling to and from school, during school hours and when attending school activities, such as excursions.

Uniform and Appearance

The full list of Aitken Creek Primary 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 excursions and events, Aitken Creek Primary School students must comply with the following:

- Uniforms must be clean and in good repair
- It is strongly recommended that uniforms are clearly marked with the owner's name

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 and Sun safety

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

The only hats that are acceptable are SunSmart hats (broadrim, legionnaire or bucket). These must be worn outside from mid-August to the beginning of May 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.

Hair ties, ribbons and religious headwear are to be black, navy blue, orange or white.

Purchase of Uniforms

Uniform items can be purchased from PSW in Campbellfield.

The school administration can sometimes offer second-hand uniform sales for parents. For further information please contact the Administration Office.

Support for families experiencing difficulty

Please contact the Wellbeing Assistant Principal or the Administration Office 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/>

Aitken Creek Primary School also has a small number of uniform items available for emergency situations.

Aitken Creek Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website and via Compass. We will assist students who may be experiencing difficulties complying with this policy where possible.

Implementation

Students wearing non-compliant uniform items may be asked to change into a compliant item of clothing provided by the school.

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 Leadership Team 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.

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 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

Aitken Creek 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*.

Communication

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

- Available publicly on our school's website
- Reminders sent out via Compass
- Discussed in student forums
- Included in staff handbook
- Discussed at staff briefings/meetings as required
- Included in transition and enrolment packs
- Discussed at parent information sessions
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

Further information and resources

This policy should be read in conjunction with the following Department policies and guidelines:

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

This policy should be read in conjunction with the following ACPS policies. These policies are available on our [school website](#):

- Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy
- SunSmart Policy
- Parent Complaint Policy

Policy Review and Approval

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Approved by	School Council
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APPENDIX A: AITKEN CREEK PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM ITEMS

Below is a comprehensive list of all uniform items. For a specific list with item codes and prices, please contact the Administration Office, who can provide this.

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

Spray Jacket

Navy spray jacket with school logo

Polar Fleece Jacket, Jumper or Vest

Navy polar jacket, jumper or vest with school logo

Polo shirts

Royal Navy/Orange long and short sleeved with school logo.

Shorts and Pants

Ink or navy coloured cargo shorts or pants

Navy tracksuit pants

Skorts

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

Socks or tights/stockings

Navy blue or white socks

Navy blue tights/stockings

Footwear

Appropriate footwear is to be worn. Summer sandals with covered toes, black school shoes or pull on school boots or runners (preferably with minimal branding) are permitted. No thongs or open-toed sandals are permitted.

School RainCoat (Optional Item)

Navy Blue coat with school logo

Headwear

Hair ties, ribbons and religious headwear are to be black, navy blue or white.

Dresses

Summer blue and white checked dress

Long or short sleeve blouse

Box pleat tunic

Box pleat skirt

Hats – to be worn from mid-August to beginning of May

Navy broadbrim or bucket hat with school logo or without decoration or brand name.