

Student Dress Code



PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Drouin South 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 Drouin South 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 Drouin South 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.

UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE

Our uniform items and appearance requirements are selected to meet human rights and anti-discrimination requirements as well as health and safety considerations.

Dress codes with gender specific requirements are not necessarily discriminatory under the law, unless one gender is treated less favourably than the other because of the dress code. However, Department policy requires schools and school councils to develop, as far as practicable, dress code requirements that are similar for both sexes. Where options are available, they should be available to all students. In particular, all schools must allow girls the option of pants and shorts in their dress code.

Cultural or religious headwear is acceptable as part of the ordinary school uniform.

The full list of Drouin South 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 activities, Drouin South 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 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 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.

School uniform hats must be worn outside from mid-August (exact date to be set by the school annually) 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. This content is also provided in the Drouin South Primary School SunSmart Policy.

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 (polos, jumpers, windcheaters, hats, dresses) can be purchased from Beleza (see Appendix A). Parents may purchase some items (non-logo items) from other suppliers.

Drouin South Primary School Parents' Club also operates a second-hand uniform store for parents. Please contact the school office or a Parents' Club Representative for details.

Support for families experiencing difficulty

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/>

Drouin South Primary School also has some uniform items available to families to borrow on request.

IMPLEMENTATION

Drouin South Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website and in our School Information Booklet. We will assist students who may be experiencing difficulties complying with this policy where possible.

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 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 Drouin South 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. NOTE: The Department's policy on [Student Dress Codes](#) requires the Principal to provide written reasons when not allowing an exemption. It also states that the Principal is responsible for managing and conducting the exemption process.

CONCERNS ABOUT THIS STUDENT DRESS CODE

Drouin South 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 at www.drouinsouth.vic.edu.au

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Drouin South Primary School Sunsmart Policy
- Drouin South Primary School Parent Complaint Policy
- Drouin South 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](#).

REVIEW CYCLE

This Student Dress Code scheduled for review in October 2024.

*NOTE: The Department's Student Dress Code policy requires school councils to decide **annually** whether or not amendments or a full review of the dress code is required.*

APPENDIX A: DROUIN SOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM ITEMS

Summer Uniform

Girls

Blue Gingham dress, navy blue shorts, white/navy socks
Navy/Sky combo polo top
Navy blue sport knicks
Navy blue windcheater/Bomber jacket
Broad brimmed hat or legionnaire's hat.

Boys

Navy shorts
White/ navy socks
Navy/Sky combo polo top
Navy blue windcheater/Bomber Jacket
Broad brimmed hat or legionnaire's hat.

Winter Uniform

Girls

Navy blue windcheater/ bomber jacket
Navy blue pleated tunic or navy blue box pleated skirt
Navy blue track suit pants
Long sleeve polo shirt (Navy/Sky combo) or navy skivvy
Navy tights
Optional broad brimmed hat, legionnaires cap or navy blue beanie.

Boys

Navy blue windcheater/bomber jacket
Navy blue track suit pants
Long sleeve polo shirt (Navy/Sky combo) or navy blue skivvy
Optional broad brimmed hat, legionnaires cap or navy blue beanie.

Shoes & Socks

Shoes (black/brown), pull on boots, runners, closed toed sandals
Socks navy blue or white.
Due to the possibility of injury to feet, open-toed shoes and the like are not permitted to be worn at school.

Uniform for school sports and inter-school sports

School polo top (on some occasions the school will use school provided tops)
Navy blue shorts
Runners

Uniform for school excursions, camps etc.

The uniform is compulsory for all school excursions, except where specifically indicated in a notice or newsletter. Beanies will not be allowed to be worn on school excursions. Each excursion notice will specify the uniform requirement for the students to attend. Generally, students are not required to wear uniform on camps.

Special Activities

An art smock (old shirt) is required to be worn in all Art and Technology /Materials lessons.

Wearing of jewellery

For the safety of children the following are the only items of jewellery permissible at school:

- Ear studs
- Watch

Hats

Navy blue broad brimmed hat or legionnaire's hat

Hats are not to be worn inside

Baseball/peaked caps not permitted

Make up – Zinc cream

Makeup is not permissible at school other than under the supervision of parents/teachers for school performances.

The wearing of sunscreen is encouraged, however, zinc cream (white or coloured) is not permitted.

OUT OF UNIFORM

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.

AESTHETIC RULES

Denim, writing, stripes, brand names or graphics other than the school logo are not allowed.

Coats or jackets must not have rude or offensive writing or graphics on them. Undergarments or T-shirts should not show through or extend from the school uniform. This includes long sleeved garments worn under short sleeved shirts. Students are not permitted to wear make-up or body art (e.g. tattoos) to school.

The uniform should be neat, cleaned regularly and worn correctly.

SAFETY RULES

Thongs and high-heeled shoes are not allowed.

Long or dangling jewellery (including necklaces) is not allowed. If ears are pierced, only studs are permitted. Watches may be worn. No other jewellery is allowed.

Protective clothing/smock should be worn for activities such as art/craft.

To maintain safety and hygiene, long hair should be tied back. Eyesight must be unrestricted by hair.

Clothing should be appropriate to the weather conditions but in line with the above-mentioned dress code.

All items of clothing and shoes should be labelled with your child's name.

Logo/school branded items can be purchased through Beleza, Williams Square, Warragul.

Ph. 5622 2930 website: <https://store.beleza.com.au/>