



STUDENT DRESS CODE

Kingsbury Primary School

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Kingsbury 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 Kingsbury 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.

Maintain Kingsbury 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 is cost effective for families. For that reason, a wide selection of affordable and gender inclusive uniform items is made available for purchase through the school uniform shop.

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.

UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE

The full list of Kingsbury Primary School's compulsory school uniform items is made available through enrolment packs, directly from the school uniform shop and on the school website.

General Appearance

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

- Uniforms must be clean and in good repair
- All uniform items must be clearly labelled with the student's name.
- Additional layers of clothing may be worn underneath the uniform for added warmth, provided these undergarments, where possible, are hidden from view.
- Leggings, tights or headwear worn in the school colours.

- Closed toe footwear e.g. school shoes, runners suitable for participation in sport. Note 'dress' shoes are not considered suitable or acceptable.

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. Clear nail polish is permitted.

Hair and Sun Safety

Hair that is below shoulder length is to be tied back to help restrict the spread of head lice and for student safety.

Approved School uniform hats must be worn outside from mid-August to 30th of April and on any other day prescribed by the school and determined as a high UV rating.

School uniform hats may also be worn outside of this time period, by parent or student choice.

Hats are not to be worn inside. Note baseball style caps are not considered suitable for sun protection and are not allowed to be worn at school.

Students are permitted to wear sunglasses during outdoor activities. Sunglasses should be closefitting, wrap-around that meet the Australian Standard 1067 and cover as much of the eye area as possible.

PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS

Uniform items can be ordered and purchased from the uniform shop at school. Kingsbury Primary School's parents club also offers parents/carers the opportunity to purchase second-hand uniform. Opening hours are determined by the availability of volunteers. Further information can be found at <http://www.kingsburyyps.vic.edu.au/for-parents/uniform-shop/>.

Support for Families Experiencing Difficulty

Please contact the Principal or Welfare Officer to discuss support that Kingsbury Primary School may be able to provide to families experiencing difficulty meeting uniform costs, including eligibility for uniform support through State Schools' Relief. Further information about State School's Relief is also available on their website. See : <https://www.ssr.net.au/>.

IMPLEMENTATION

Kingsbury Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our transition programs, enrolment packs and website. We will assist students who may be experiencing difficulties complying with this policy where possible.

When a student presents at school wearing non-compliant uniform items and without a note of explanation from parents/carers, may be asked to change into a compliant item of uniform provided by the school.

If a student breaches the Student Dress code on a recurring basis, a note will be provided to the student and parents/carers by the classroom teacher. If non-compliance with the dress code becomes a continued occurrence, the Principal will attempt contact with the parents/carers 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 the parents/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 and/or the 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/carers.

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- [Student Dress Code](#)
- [Student Engagement policies and guidelines](#)
- Sunsmart Policy
- Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy

REVIEW CYCLE

This policy was last updated May 2020 and is scheduled for review in May 2023, or if and when amendment is deemed necessary.

Signed



School Council President