



Student Dress Code & Uniform Policy

Reviewed: May 2023

Next Review: 2026 May

Recommended Review Cycle: 3-4 years

Communication method: website/compass/Induction Processes

School Councils must develop and review their student dress code in accordance with the Department's Student Dress Code policy guidance on the Department's Policy and Advisory Library, available at the following link: <https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/student-dress-code/policy>

This will include ensuring your student dress code meets human rights and anti-discrimination requirements, includes exemption processes and addresses health and safety considerations. School Councils will also need to ensure they have properly consulted with the school community in developing/reviewing this student dress code. Guidance on consultation processes is available on the Policy and Advisory Library here: <https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/student-dress-code/guidance/developing-and-reviewing-dress-codes>



Help for non-English speakers

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

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Doncaster Primary School 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 Doncaster Primary 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 Example 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

A Uniform Committee, together with the Principal and staff, is to be responsible for implementing the Uniform policy

The sale of new uniform will be managed by:

PSW Quality Apparel

12 Strathalbyn Street,

Kew East VIC 3102.

Phone: 03 9768 0381

The full list of Doncaster Primary 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, Example 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
- Ties need to be worn neatly covering a fastened top button
- 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 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 in Term 1 and Term 4 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.

PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS

Uniform items can be purchased from:

PSW Quality Apparel

12 Strathalbyn Street,

Kew East VIC 3102.

Phone: 03 9768 0381

Doncaster Primary School Parents' Group also operates a second-hand uniform store for parents at nominated times during the year which are publicised via school newsletter and via Compass Newsfeeds

Support for families experiencing difficulty

Please contact the Principal 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

Doncaster Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website, Compass School Documentation, Newsletter and via Parent General Handbook. 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, 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.

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

Doncaster 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 school website and on Compass under School Documentation

COMMUNICATION

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

- Available publicly on our school's website (or insert other online parent/carer/student communication method)
- Reminders in our school newsletter
- Discussed in student forums
- Included in staff handbook/manual
- 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

- Sunsmart Policy
- Parent Complaint Policy
- Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy
- Department of Education and Training [Student Dress Code](#)
- Department of Education and Training [Student Engagement policies and guidelines](#).

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Policy last reviewed	May 2023
Consultation	school council
Approved by	School Council
Next scheduled review date	May 2026

APPENDIX A: UNIFORM ITEMS



Doncaster Primary School

Uniform Price List
Price as at: 01-11-2022

General	Colour	Logo	Size	Price(\$)	
1110130	S/S Polo - Contrast Inserts	Navy_Gold_White	Embroidery	4-14/XS 16/S-18/M	34.50 37.50
1110180	L/S Polo - Contrast Inserts	Navy_Gold_White	Embroidery	4-14/XS 16/S-18/M	36.50 39.50
1100261	Bomber Jacket- Stripe Rib	Navy_Gold	Embroidery	4-14/XS 16/S-18/M	51.95 55.95
1100299	Polar Fleece Jacket	Navy	Embroidery	4-14/XS 16/S-18/M	48.95 52.95
1110355	Gaberdine Zip Pocket Shorts	Ink		4-14/XS 16/S-18/M	25.95 28.95
1110415	Trackpants - Double Knee - Straight Leg	Navy		4-14/XS 16/S-18/M	32.95 36.95
1111569	Stretch Microfibre Shorts	Ink		4-16/S 18/M-18/M	31.50 34.50
1160299	Polar Fleece Jacket	Navy	Embroidery	4-14/XS 16/S-18/M	48.95 52.95
Female	Colour	Logo	Size	Price(\$)	
1111952	Summer Dress	White/Royal/Navy/Yellow Check - 8006		4G-18G/12L	55.95
1104002	Box Pleat Tunic	500-Navy/Royal/White/Gold Check		4G-10G	57.95
1110465	Classic Pant	Ink		4G-10G	35.95
1101364	Scooter Skort	Ink		4G-18G/12L	31.95
Sport	Colour	Logo	Size	Price(\$)	
1112053	S/S Cotton T-Shirt	Red	MultiBadge	4-16/S	21.95
1112053	S/S Cotton T-Shirt	Royal	MultiBadge	4-16/S	21.95
1112053	S/S Cotton T-Shirt	Emerald	MultiBadge	4-16/S	21.95
1112053	S/S Cotton T-Shirt	Gold	MultiBadge	4-16/S	21.95
Years 4, 5 & 6 Only	Colour	Logo	Size	Price(\$)	
1111330	S/S Sublimated V-neck Polo	Navy_Gold_White	Sublimatn	6-18/M	47.95
Accessories	Colour	Logo	Size	Price(\$)	
1100200	Raincoat	Navy		4-6-12-14 S-M-S-M	48.00 51.00
1100380	Artsmock with Print	Navy		S-XL	22.50
1100797	Microfibre Hat	Navy	Embroidery	S-M-L-XL	20.95
1100507	Legionnaire Hat	Navy	Embroidery	ALL-ALL	16.95
8300396	Primary Pete Bookbag	Navy	Embroidery	ALL-ALL	16.50
8302250	Explorer Bag - Contrast Piping	Navy_Gold	Embroidery	ALL-ALL	52.95
Socks	Colour	Logo	Size	Price(\$)	
1110760	Cushion Foot Sport Socks - 3 Pack	White		9-12-11-14	18.95
2513000	Girls Tights	Navy		4-6-11-14 MID-XTALL	14.95 18.95
2511000	Turnover Ankle Socks - 3 Pack	Navy		9-12-8-11	18.95
2511000	Turnover Ankle Socks - 3 Pack	White		9-12-8-11	18.95
2511050	Crew Sock - 3 pack	Navy		9-12-11-14	18.95
2511050	Crew Sock - 3 pack	White		9-12-8-11	18.95
2512000	Turnover Knee Hi Socks - 3 Pack	Navy		9-12-8-11	20.95
2512000	Turnover Knee Hi Socks - 3 Pack	White		9-12-8-11	20.95

Your School Uniform is available at PSW Kew
12 Strathalbyn Street
Kew East VIC 3102
03 9768 0381
Shop online at www.psw.com.au
ABN 52 007 423 627

Trading Hours
Tue to Fri: 9:00am - 5:00pm
Sat: 10:00am - 1:00pm
*Store hours subject to change



Hats – to be worn Term 1 and Term 4

Navy broadbrim without decoration or brand name preferred with school logo.