



STUDENT DRESS CODE POLICY

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Docklands 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 Docklands 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 Docklands 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
- provide safe and easy identification of students in the school grounds and local area.

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

The full list of Docklands 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, Docklands 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.
- Weather appropriate items i.e. raincoats may be worn to and from school

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 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.

Hats and beanies 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 the uniform shop at school, or parents may order it directly from <https://www.noone.com.au/>

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/>

IMPLEMENTATION

Docklands Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through Compass. 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 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 family to support compliance.

Measures taken by Docklands 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's parents/carers
- encourage the student's 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

Docklands 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.

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

Docklands Primary School Sunsmart Policy
Docklands Primary School Parent Complaint Policy
Docklands Primary School Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy
Department of Education and Training Student Engagement policies and guidelines

REVIEW PERIOD

This policy was approved by the School Council in November 2021 and is scheduled for review in November 2022.



APPENDIX A: DOCKLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM ITEMS

Families and students have choice over whether they wear the Academic or Sports uniform,

Two days a week students will be required to wear their Sports Uniform. These days will be communicated to families via Compass.

Students will also be required to wear the Academic Uniform for special occasions i.e. School Photo Day, excursions etc. These days will also be communicated to families via Compass.

Academic Uniform

The following items may be worn all year round:

Pullover (Australian Merino Wool Blue with logo)
½ Zip Windcheater (blue with trim and logo)
Short Sleeve Shirt (Blue/White stripe with logo)
Long Sleeve Shirt (Blue/White stripe with logo)
Shorts (Navy tailored) Trousers (Navy)
Socks Anklet /Long (navy, only to be worn with school uniform)
Shoes (Black, leather polishable)

Summer Dress (Blue/White stripe)
Socks Anklet /Long (white, only to be worn with summer dress)

Winter Tunic (Navy with removable bib)
Tights (Navy, to be worn with Winter Tunic)

Sports uniform

The following items must be worn on designated sports/PE days:

Short Sleeve Polo Shirt (blue/white stripe with logo)
Long Sleeve crew Tee Shirt (blue/white stripe with logo)
Sport Shorts (navy microfibre) Sport Skort (navy microfibre)
Track Pants (navy, double knee with cuff)
Sport socks (white)
Shoes (non-marking soled runners, any colour, minimal branding if possible)

Headwear

Navy blue or white headbands, hair ribbons, “scrunchies” or headwear worn as part of cultural/religious beliefs.

Elastic Bands used to tie up hair may be worn in any colour.

Optional Items

Puffer jacket (navy with logo)
Puffer vest (navy with logo)
Scarf (Navy/Blue/White acrylic with logo)
Beanie (Navy/Blue/White acrylic with pompom)
Art smock (navy)

Hats – to be worn from mid-August to 30 April

Hybrid Bucket Hat (navy with logo)



Accessories

School Bag (navy with logo)

Substitute 'generic' items

Wherever possible, the school uniform design does not include branding on 'generic' uniform items, such as shorts, track pants or socks. In these instances, families are welcome to purchase alternative items from a place of their choosing, as long as the substitute item appears similar and does not contain any branding. However, all items that are available through the uniform supplier are considered to be the best options available for families, for comfort, durability and easy maintenance.