



# STUDENT DRESS CODE POLICY

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 Parkwood Green Primary School on 94493600

## PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Parkwood Green 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 Parkwood Green 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 Parkwood Green 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

Parkwood Green Primary School's compulsory school uniform items are as follows:

### Summer Uniform

- Summer Dress – Bottle/Gold/White
- Short Sleeve Polo with Logo
- Long Sleeve Polo with Logo
- Black Unisex Short with Logo
- Rugby Windcheater with Logo
- Bomber Jacket with Logo
- Green Spray Jacket with Logo

### Winter Uniform

- Princess Tunic – Navy/Bottle/Gold
- Yellow skivvy under tunic
- Black or Green tights and black shoes
- Short Sleeve Polo with Logo
- Long Sleeve Polo with Logo
- Black Zip Cuff Track Pant with Logo
- Black Cargo Pants with Logo
- Bomber Jacket with Logo
- Green Spray Jacket with Logo

### Sports polo

Available in gold, red, sky and emerald.

On the days when the student has PE or there is a Sport Day the students are encouraged to wear their House Coloured top with either the Black Unisex short or tracksuit pants or both. The House top is not compulsory. For Interschool or District Sports day the PGPS school uniform is worn.

### Footwear

All students are encouraged to wear black leather shoes with plain socks. Shoes are required to be fully enclosed and safe for all school activities.

### Additional Accessories

- Black Micro fibre Hat with Logo - **PGPS is a SUNSMART school and so a broad-brimmed hat is compulsory in Terms 1 and 4.**
- Beanie with Logo
- Green scarf
- School Bag with Logo
- Gym shorts/bike shorts are recommended for girls when wearing the summer dress
- Swim Cap with Logo (available from the School Front Office)
- Yr 6 Polo Shirts and jackets with Class Names on the back

### General appearance

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

- Uniforms must be clean and in good repair
- It is recommended that uniforms 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 plain black or white and appropriate for school. Undergarments must not contain logos or other print.

### 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, including false lashes and acrylic nails must not be worn to school. Only clear nail polish is permitted.

### **Hair and Sun safety**

For hygiene reasons, shoulder length or longer hair should be tied back.

School uniform hats must be worn outside during Term 1 and Term 4.

## **PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS**

Uniform items can be purchased from PSW, or parents may order it directly from <https://www.psw.com.au/>

Parkwood Green Primary School also operates a second-hand uniform store for parents. Parents can contact the office staff for further information regarding the purchase of second hand uniform.

### **Support for families experiencing difficulty**

Please contact the Principal or our Wellbeing Team 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/>

Parkwood Green Primary School also has uniforms available from the health centre for emergency use. Any uniform borrowed needs to be washed and returned at the family's earliest convenience.

## **IMPLEMENTATION**

Parkwood Green Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website, welcome packs for new families and the school newsletter. 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 chronicle will be posted to families by the classroom teacher. If non-compliance with the dress code becomes a continued occurrence, leadership 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.
- any reason deemed appropriate by the principal

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

Parkwood Green 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 *Complaint Policy*, available on the school website.

## COMMUNICATION

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

- Available publicly on our school's website
- Available to staff on the school drive

## FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Parkwood Green Primary School Sunsmart Policy
- Parkwood Green Primary School Complaint Policy
- Parkwood Green 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](#).

## POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

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