

Rowville Primary School

School Uniform and Dress Code Policy



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PURPOSE

The purpose of the School Uniform and Dress Code is to outline Rowville 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 Rowville 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 Rowville 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.

GUIDELINES

1. The official Rowville Primary School uniform must be worn at school, on excursions, at sporting activities and any other special occasions where students represent the school. (Refer Appendix A – Student Dress Code)
2. Declared "out of uniform" days will be exempt from school uniform.
3. Students can wear their Rowville Primary School sports tops on days in which they have Physical Education, school sport days or when representing the school at a sports event.
4. Year 6 students will have the option of a Commemorative Jacket.
5. Variations to the official uniform for special events, such as the production, may be worn at the discretion of the Principal.
6. It is suggested that a spare set of clothes to be sent to school in case of accidents and all clothing items should be clearly named.
7. Layered clothes must not be visible underneath uniform (i.e. no non-school colours showing around the neck, arms and legs).

IMPLEMENTATION

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

The Student Dress Code has been developed in consultation with the school community and it is expected that all students will adhere to the dress code.

Parents/carers will be provided with a copy of the School Uniform & Student Dress Code Policy at enrolment.

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, parent/carers will be contacted.

Measures will be taken to address concerns about student non-compliance with the Student Dress Code will be addressed in accordance with our Student Safety, Wellbeing and Engagement Policy.

Students will only be able to represent the school if they are adhering to the Student Dress Code.

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 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.

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES:

- Rowville Primary School Student Safety, Engagement and Wellbeing Policy
- Rowville Primary School SunSmart Policy
- Rowville Primary School Issues Resolution Policy
- Department of Education and Training [Student Dress Code](#)
- Department of Education and Training [Student Engagement policies and guidelines](#).

EVALUATION

School Council will.....

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Policy last reviewed	December 2021
Approved by	Rowville Primary School Council
Next scheduled review date	November 2023

Appendix A – Student Dress Code



Official School Uniform List

Unisex Items

- Short and long sleeve polo tops with school logo
- Bomber jacket and windcheater with school logo
- Drawcord shorts (navy blue)
- Straight leg track pants (navy blue)
- Blue, white or black socks
- Waterproof jacket with school logo (navy blue)
- Slouch hat or bucket hat with school logo (navy blue)
- School Sports top (Years 1-6)
- Official school bag with school logo
- Sunglasses (optional)

Boys' Items

- Drawcord trouser (navy)

Girls' Items

- Dress (official school dress)
- Pinafore/skirt (official school pinafore)
- Skorts (navy blue)
- Bootleg pants (navy blue)
- Navy blue or black tights (leggings are not acceptable)
- Navy blue or black bike shorts can be worn under dress and pinafore

Sun Smart

- Rowville Primary School supports the Sun Smart philosophy and practices
- The official navy blue slouch or bucket hat with the school logo is to be worn outside at all times from 1st September to 31st March
- Students without appropriate hats must play under sheltered/shaded areas
- Sunscreen lotion should be applied before school during hot weather
- Sunscreen lotion, provided at the discretion of parents/carers, can be reapplied at school by students.

Hair Colour/Styles

- Extreme hair colours are not acceptable
- Extreme hair styles (for example *mohawk* or *rat's tail*) are not acceptable.

Headwear

- Headbands, hair ties and ribbons should be navy blue, pale blue and/or neutral to blend in with hair colour
- Religious or cultural headwear should be in school colours
- Hair below the shoulders should be worn back with either a headband or hair tie.

Shoes

- Black school shoes or runners
- Open toe styles, high or wedge heels and thongs are not permitted.

Jewellery/Adornments

- Acceptable earrings are small studs or sleepers
- The following items are not permitted, necklaces, bracelets, bangles, anklets and rings
- Watches are permitted
- Jewellery can be worn for medical, religious or cultural reasons
- Trimmed, manageable fingernails are encouraged for safety reasons false/acrylic nails or nail polish are not permitted
- No makeup is to be worn by students.