

Caulfield South Primary School

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School Uniform and Dress Code

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Caulfield South 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 Caulfield South 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 Caulfield South 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

General appearance

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, Caulfield South Primary School's 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.
- All shoes should have enclosed toes (for safety reasons).
- Appropriate footwear for physical activity.
- Navy tights may be worn. Leggings are not part of the school uniform.
- Year 6 students have the opportunity to purchase uniform items printed with the Year 6 signatures on them
- The wearing of school uniform on excursions and for special school events is expected

Jewellery and cosmetics

- Students are not permitted to wear decorative jewellery to school.
- Small stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, and watches, are the only acceptable jewellery.
- Cosmetics and nail polish may not be worn at school.

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. (Appropriate school colours- gold, navy or white)
- Wide brimmed school uniform hats must be worn outside from mid-August 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 are not to be worn inside.

PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS

- Uniform items can be purchased from Primary School Wear (PSW) located at 1/596 North Rd Ormond.
- Parents may refer to the CSPA school website for the PSW Uniform Order Form and a photo of correct winter and summer uniform.
- The Second Hand Uniform shop is open each fortnight on a Tuesday from 8.30am - 9.10am. It is located upstairs in the main building, near the Year 3 classrooms. Please bring as close to correct money/ small notes and change.

Support for families experiencing difficulty

Please contact the Principal or Assistant 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

Caulfield South Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our school website and through our enrolment pack. 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, the issue will be followed up by staff and parents will be notified. If non-compliance with the dress code becomes a continued occurrence, the school will continue to work with the student and family to support compliance.

Measures taken by Caulfield South 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 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

Caulfield South 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.

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Caulfield South Primary School's Sunsmart Policy
- Caulfield South Primary School's Parent Complaint Policy
- Caulfield South Primary School's Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy
- Department of Education and Training [Student Dress Code](#)
- Department of Education and Training [Student Engagement policies and guidelines](#).

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/spag/management/pages/dresscode.aspx>

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/spag/management/Pages/developing.aspx>

EVALUATION

To ensure ongoing relevance and continuous improvement, this policy will be reviewed every 3 years.

NOTE: The Department's Student Dress Code policy requires school councils to decide annually whether or not amendments or a full review of the dress code is required.