

# UNIFORM POLICY – Student Dress Code

St. Georges Rd. Primary School



## Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact the office on 03 58 21 3383

### Purpose:

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline St Georges Road 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 St Georges Road 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 SGRPSs 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.

### 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 Example 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, students must comply with the following:

- Uniforms must be clean and in good repair
- Uniforms should 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
- Studs, sleepers and watches are the only acceptable jewellery
- Any make up or nail polish should be natural/neutral tones only

### Health and Safety:

Shoulder length or longer hair is to be tied back to help restrict the spread of lice and for student safety.

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Jewellery, nails, hair accessories and similar items that interfere with students' ability to engage with school activities safely and fully are not permitted.

Students who wear braids or locs may wear them loose, except for applied technology classes where hair should be tied back for safety purposes.

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 are not to be worn inside.

### **Purchase of Uniforms:**

The School Council has considered affordability in the development of this dress code. However, if you are facing difficulty meeting uniform costs the [Help with school costs and fees](#) page provides advice on support offered by the Victorian Government. If your child is starting prep and eligible to receive support via the [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund](#), you may be eligible to access the Affordable School Uniform (ASU) program.

The school uniform will be able to be purchased from the School at the front office. There are also second hand uniforms, which have been donated back to the school available for purchase.

The student uniform policy, including details of uniform items and price list, will be published via compass/facebook at the start of each year.

Please contact the Principal or Assistant Principal to discuss support that we may be able to provide.

### **Implementation:**

St Georges Road Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website and on request at the school office. 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.

When required the school will support students with uniform issues.

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## Exemptions to dress Code:

We acknowledge that there might be instances where the enforcement of this dress code could impact students differently.

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

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:

St Georges Road 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 website.

## Communication:

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

- Available publicly on our school's website
- 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 office upon request

## Further Information and Resources:

- St Georges Road Primary School Sunsmart Policy

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- St Georges Road Primary School Parent Complaint Policy
- St Georges Road 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](#)

### **Evaluation:**

This policy was last ratified by School Council in: August 2024

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle: August 2027

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<b>Tops</b>	
Royal Blue polo short sleeve shirt Royal Blue polo long sleeve shirt Royal Blue School jumper Royal Blue jacket	
<b>Dress</b>	
Royal Blue check dress	
<b>Bottoms</b>	
Royal Blue school skirt Royal Blue school shorts Royal Blue School track pants Navy/black or white leggings (only to be worn under dress/skirt)	
<b>Shoes</b>	
Sensible shoes / sneakers	
<b>Headwear</b>	
Royal Blue School hat (bucket)	Term 1&4
Royal Blue School Beanie	Term 2&3
School colours are to be worn for Headbands and scarves	
Navy, Black or White Hijab or turban	