



Caulfield South Primary School

Student Dress Code



Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact the school office on (03) 9578 3718.

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 based on 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

The following items may be worn all year round, with either the summer or winter uniform. Caulfield South Primary School's compulsory school uniform items are as follows:

Jumper or Vest

- Fleece zip vest

- Hoodie jumper (with or without zip)
- Round neck jumper
- Bomber jacket

Polo Shirts

- Yellow or blue polo shirt (long or short sleeved)

Skorts

Plain navy skorts without decoration or brand name and in winter can be worn with navy blue tights/stockings

Socks or tights/stockings

- Navy blue or white socks
- Navy blue tights/stockings

Footwear

Appropriate footwear is to be worn. Summer sandals with covered toes, black school shoes or pull-on school boots or runners are permitted. No thongs or open-toed sandals are permitted.

Headwear

Navy blue, navy white gingham or gold/yellow 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.

Summer Uniform

Dresses - Summer blue and white checked dress

Shorts - Plain navy blue shorts without decoration or brand name

Winter Uniform

Track Pants - Plain, navy blue track pants (straight leg or double knee with a rib cuff) without decoration or brand name

Winter Tunic – Navy/Royal/White/Gold check

Winter Skirt - Navy/Royal/White/Gold check

School Raincoat (optional) – Navy unbranded raincoat

Beanie - Navy/school branded

School hat (hats to be worn from 15th August till 30th April)

Navy Legionnaire or Safety Slouch Hat (branded)

School bag

20 litre Junior Branded Backpack

Art Smock

Navy Art Smock

General appearance

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, Caulfield South 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.

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 (15th August) to 30th April and on any other day prescribed by the school. School uniform hats may also be worn outside of this time, by parent or student choice. Hats 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 directly from PSW Ormond, 1/596 North Road, Ormond (www.psw.com.au).

We also operate a second-hand uniform store for parents. This shop is open approximately every fortnight on a Friday from 3.15 – 3.45pm at the school. Details of exact opening dates are published in our newsletter.

Support for families experiencing difficulty

Please contact the Principal or Georgia Despotellis (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 website 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 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.

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 *Complaints Policy*, available [W 6. Complaints Policy - June 2024.docx](#) .

COMMUNICATION

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

- Available publicly on our school's website
- Reminders in our school newsletter
- 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 administration upon request

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Caulfield South Primary School Sunsmart Policy
- Caulfield South Primary School Complaints Policy
- Caulfield South 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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