



UNIFORM

POLICY

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Richmond Primary School's (RPS) 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 RPS'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 RPS'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; and
- enhance the profile and identity of the school and its students within the wider community.

The School Council has developed a list of items (Appendix A) 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

After consultation with the school community the School Council has developed a student dress code that we believe provides choice for the students, allows for them to safely engage in the many varied activities at school, is inclusive and caters for the financial constraints of families.

RPS students must comply with the following:

- Uniforms must be clean and in good repair;
- Uniforms must be clearly marked with the owner's name; and
- Additional layers of clothing may be worn and should be in school colours of red and blue.

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 lice and for student safety.

School uniform hats comply with the Sunsmart Policy.

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.

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 from Primary School Wear (PWS) Kew Store (12 Strathalbyn St. East Kew 3102) or parents may order it online directly from PWS.

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

RPS will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website, Compass and school newsletter. 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 wear the regulation school uniform on their return the next day. If a student is out of school uniform or otherwise breaches the Student Dress Code on a recurring basis, 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.

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; or
- 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, she/he will:

- consider the grounds for the exemption request; and
- explain the process to the student and/or their parents/carers.

The Principal or delegate will then try to negotiate a resolution that is acceptable to all parties. If an exemption is not allowed, written reasons will be provided to the student and/or their parents or carers.

CONCERNS ABOUT THIS STUDENT DRESS CODE

RPS 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.

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- RPS Sunsmart Policy
- RPS Parent Complaint Policy
- RPS Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy
- Department of Education and Training [Student Dress Code](#)
- Department of Education and Training [Student Engagement policies and guidelines](#).

REVIEW CYCLE

This Student Dress Code was last approved by School Council in October 2021 and is scheduled for review in Term 3 2022

APPENDIX A: RPS UNIFORM ITEMS

All year round

The following items may be worn all year round:

Jumper

Navy blue jacket with school logo or without; and

Grade 6 students have the option of wearing a special Year 6 hoodie with the RPS insignia.

Polo shirts

Red long and short sleeved with school logo.

Grade 6 students have the option of wearing a special Year 6 navy polo shirt with the RPS insignia.

Skorts/bike shorts

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

Plain black or navy bike shorts are permitted to be worn.

Socks or tights/stockings/leggings

Navy blue or white socks; and

Navy blue tights/stockings.

Footwear

Appropriate footwear is to be worn. Summer sandals with covered toes, school shoes, pull on school boots or runners are permitted (dark colours preferable for all). No thongs, crocs or open-toed sandals are permitted.

School Rain Coat (Optional Item)

Navy Blue coat.

Headwear

Navy blue and /or red head bands, 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.

Dresses

Summer blue and red checked dress; and

Winter tunic in navy and blue check.

Shorts

Plain navy blue shorts without decoration or brand name.

Pants

Plain, navy blue track pants without decoration or brand name.

Skivvies

Plain red or navy skivvy.

Hats – must be worn from mid-August to 30 April

Navy broadbrim without decoration or brand name; and
Navy bucket hat without decoration or brand name.

Navy beanie without decoration or brand name.