



Sunbury West Primary School

Student Dress Code

Purpose:

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Sunbury West 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 Sunbury West Primary School's School Council 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 Sunbury West 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 in the community.

Uniform and Appearance:

Sunbury West Primary School's compulsory school uniform items are as follows:

- Short Sleeve Mesh Polo with Logo Red, White & Black
- Long Sleeve Mesh Polo with Logo Red, White & Black
- Zip Jacket with contrast piping Red, White & Black
- Bonded jacket with contrast panels Red, White & Black
- Rugby Jumper Red, White & Black
- Semi Fit Darted Dress White/Maroon/Black Check
- Mesh Bucket Hat – Red
- Slouch or Legionnaire Hat – Red
- Shorts – Black
- Track pants / Leggings – Black
- Skort – Black
- Netball Skirt - Black

The only generic uniform items include shorts, pants and skirts. These are not to be branded in any way. No generic polo shirts, tops, windcheaters, jackets or cardigans are allowed unless an extraordinary exemption has been granted (see Exemptions).

General Appearance

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, Sunbury West 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 and in the school's colours.

Each year a unique Year 6 bomber jacket will be offered for purchase using the school colours of red, white and black.

Jewellery and Cosmetics

Students are not permitted to wear decorative jewellery to school. Stud earrings and sleepers can be worn in the ears and watches are the only acceptable jewellery.

Students are not permitted to wear smart watches as these are in conflict with the State Government's Mobile Phone Communication Policy.

Facial piercings are not permitted.

Cosmetics may not be worn at school. Nails must be kept short to prevent injury during sport or play. Only clear nail polish may be worn. As a guide nails should not be seen from the underside of the finger. Acrylic and Gel nails are permitted as long as they adhere to the previous points and are rounded and not sharp in any way. Students who do not abide by these rules may be excluded from particular sporting activities.

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. Students' hair must be of a natural hair colour. Coloured hairspray or hair chalk is not permitted at anytime.

As we are a Sun Smart 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.

Acceptable hats include slouch, bucket or legionnaire hats. School uniform hats should be red. All children must wear a hat while participating in PE and sport during the designated Sun Smart period. Children who do not bring their own suitable hat will not be able to participate during outside sessions of PE and sport and will be required to stay undercover at recess and lunch times in the designated areas.

Hats are not to be worn inside. This includes beanies during the cooler months.

Children are encouraged to wear sunscreen. This is to be provided by the parents / carers and is the responsibility of the child to apply their own sunscreen before outdoor activities.

Sunscreen

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.

Footwear

Sports shoes or school shoes are to be worn. Only shoes with enclosed toes are to be worn.

Out of Uniform Days

Junior School Council will be responsible for nominating [4] days to be deemed out of uniform days each year. Clothing that covers the shoulders and allows the children to participate in normal school activities are to be worn on these days. Enclosed shoes and shoes that allow the child to participate in all activities are to be worn. On out of uniform days during designated Sun Smart dates school hats will be worn.

House Sports Days and Activities

During House sporting carnivals, P – 2, 3 /4 and 5 /6 sport days (not PE) and House Mates days at school, children are permitted to wear the official House T Shirts.

Purchase of uniforms:

Uniforms can be purchased at Primary Schoolwear (PSW) which is located at Shop 6, 106 Gap Rd, Sunbury. (In the underneath section of the Aldi Centre)

Support for Families Experiencing Difficulty

Please contact the Principal or Business Manager 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:

Sunbury West Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website sunburywestps.vic.edu.au. 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 child is out of uniform a parent / carer is required to provide a note to the school explaining the reason. If a note is not provided a breach of uniform notification will be sent home via Compass. If non-compliance with the dress code becomes a continued occurrence, further consequences may follow 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 a student is to represent our school in the community and is not in correct school uniform he/she will be loaned a second hand uniform for that day if there is a suitable replacement available. This is to be returned to school laundered afterwards.

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:

Sunbury West 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 Concerns and Complaint Policy*.

Further Information and Resources:

- Sunbury West Primary School Sunsmart Policy
- Sunbury West Primary School Parent Concerns and Complaint Policy
- Sunbury West 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](#).

Review Cycle

This Student Dress Code was last approved by School Council on the 26th February 2020 and is scheduled for review in 2022 or earlier if required.