DRESS CODE (UNIFORM) POLICY

Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact the school office.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Auburn 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 Auburn 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 Auburn 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.

SCOPE

Students are expected to comply with this Student Dress Code while travelling to and from school, during school hours and when attending school activities.

UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE

A full list of the Auburn South Primary School uniform can be found in Appendix A.

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 (except smart watches as per the Mobile Phone Policy) are the only acceptable jewellery

Health and safety

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

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

School uniform hats must be worn outside in Term 1 and Term 4 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.

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

With exception of shoes and underwear, all Auburn South Primary School uniform items can be purchased through Spartan School Wide. Families can place an order online via Spartan School Wide, or at Spartan School World in Mount Waverley. Spartan School World provides complimentary delivery to Auburn South on a weekly basis, a click and collection option, or home delivery for a flat rate of $12.50. Auburn South also operates a second-hand uniform shop for parents, which will be open on the first Friday of every month during the school term from 9-10am.

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 is eligible to receive support via the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund, you may be eligible to access the Affordable School Uniform (ASU) program. Please contact the Principal to discuss support that we may be able to provide.

Any changes to items available via our supplier, including discontinued items, price changes or fabric changes will be considered by the School Council as part of the annual review process in Term 4.

IMPLEMENTATION

Auburn South Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website. We will assist students who may be experiencing difficulties complying with this policy where possible.

EXEMPTIONS TO STUDENT DRESS CODE

We acknowledge that there might be instances where 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
- the student or their parents/carers can demonstrate particular financial 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

Auburn 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*.

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
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Auburn South Primary School's *Sun Protection Policy*
- Auburn 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.

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Policy last reviewed	February 2025
Consultation	February 2025 with School Council, Former Uniform Shop managers
Approved by	School Council
Next scheduled review date	February 2029

APPENDIX A: AUBURN SOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM ITEMS

All year round

The following items may be worn all year round, with either the summer or winter uniform:

Jackets, Vests or Hoodies

- Navy polar fleece vest with school logo
- Navy polar fleece jacket with school logo
- Hooded windcheater with school logo

Polo shirts

- Green short sleeve polo shirt with school logo
- Green long sleeve polo shirt with school logo
- Sports polo with school logo

Skorts

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

Pants

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

Socks or tights/stockings

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

Footwear

- Appropriate closed toe footwear including closed toe sandals, runners, black school shoes

School Raincoat (Optional Item)

- Navy polar fleece lined raincoat

Headwear

- Navy blue, green or white 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 – to be worn in Terms 1 and 4

Dresses

- Summer blue and white checked dress

Shorts

- Plain navy blue shorts without decoration or brand name

Winter Uniform – to be worn in Term 2 and 3

Skivvies

- Plain navy skivvy

Dresses

- Winter blue and green checked tunic

Hats – to be worn in Term 1 and 4

- Navy wide brim hat with school logo or a plain navy wide brim hat without decoration or brand name

House Sports Events Uniform

- House colour t-shirt