

STUDENT DRESS CODE POLICY

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline St Albans 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 Albans 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 St Albans Primary School 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.

UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE

St Albans Primary School's compulsory school uniform items are as follows:

Black tracksuit pants/shorts, summer dress, winter tunic, yellow polo short/long sleeved shirt, black windcheater/bomber jacket, broad brimmed black hat.

The school logo is not compulsory on polo's or jumpers.

General appearance

While at school or participating in school activities, St Albans Primary School students must comply with the following:

- Uniforms should be clearly marked with the owner's name
- Additional layers of clothing may be worn underneath the uniform for added warmth.

Hair and Sun safety

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

School uniform hats must be worn outside during term 1 and term 4. School uniform hats may also be worn outside of this time period, by parent or student choice.

PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS

Uniform items can be purchased from the office at school.

Support for families experiencing difficulty

Please contact the 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.

IMPLEMENTATION

St Albans Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website and information booklets. 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.

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 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

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 Albans 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
- Discussed in student forums
- Included in transition and enrolment packs
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- [Sunsmart Policy](#)
- [Complaints Policy](#)
- [Student Wellbeing & Engagement Policy](#)
- Department of Education and Training [Student Dress Code](#)
- Department of Education and Training [Student Engagement policies and guidelines](#).
- <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/spag/management/pages/dresscode.aspx>

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Policy last reviewed	July 2023
Consultation with School Council	July 2023
Approved by	Principal
Next scheduled review date	June 2027

APPENDIX A: UNIFORM ITEMS

All year round

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

Jumper or Bomber Jacket

Black Jumper with school logo

Polo shirts

Gold long and short sleeved

Skorts

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

Socks or tights/stockings

Black or white socks

Black 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.

Dresses

Summer black and white checked dress

Shorts

Plain black shorts without decoration or brand name

Pants

Plain, black track pants without decoration or brand name

Skivvies

Gold/yellow skivvy

Hats – to be worn in Term 1 and Term 4

Black broadbrim without decoration or brand name.

Sports uniform

Gold polo top with black shorts/skirt/skort.

There are specific uniform requirements for students participating in specialist sports such as netball, interschool sport. These uniforms are provided by the school for the duration of the sports season.