



Dress Code and Uniform Policy

Rationale

The school uniform provides durable clothing that is cost effective and practical for our school environment. It builds and reinforces school spirit. Wearing the school uniform is strongly recommended as it meets all the required elements (see below) of the school dress code.

The uniform promotes equality amongst all students, is an aid to safety on excursions and en route to and from school. It is not compulsory to wear the uniform, however most students wear a version of the uniform.

Aim

The aim of this policy is to inform parents and students about the school uniform and dress code.

Definitions

SCHOOL UNIFORM

The school uniform for students at Fairfield Primary is based on bright primary colours—red and navy blue. Art4All t-shirts are also considered part of the school uniform. For Year 6 students, graduation clothing is also recognised as part of the school uniform.

DRESS CODE

The dress code at Fairfield Primary extends beyond the school uniform. It has two parts:

- *Required* (i.e. compulsory) school wear.
- *Strongly Recommended* (i.e. voluntary) school wear.

Implementation

DRESS CODE—REQUIRED

These *requirements* are based on health and safety considerations.

Writing or imagery on **any item of clothing** that respects the values of Fairfield Primary School.

Hats are required for all outdoor activities between September and May. Acceptable hats are broad-brimmed, bucket and legionnaire's hats. Students without hats during this period are required to remain within the sheltered areas at recess and lunchtime and are not permitted on the oval or the open play areas.

Students **must wear shoes** that provide protection to the toes and heels and must not be a hazard to others. Examples of inappropriate footwear are crocs, thongs, open toed sandals and high heels.

Students must **wear shirts, tops and dresses with sleeves** and that cover the midriff. Examples of inappropriate clothing are singlets and straps on bare shoulders.

Summer and winter uniforms may be purchased from the accredited uniform shop or parents may comprise like items sourced elsewhere. Some second hand items are also available via the school second hand uniform shop.

The school uniform is to be worn on excursions and photo days.



DRESS CODE—STRONGLY RECOMMENDED

Jewellery: Stud earrings and sleepers may be worn in the ears, and watches/Fitbits are generally acceptable. Please note, these items may not be appropriate for some activities and sporting events. It is strongly recommended that all other jewellery be left at home.

Hair: It is recommended that shoulder length and longer hair be tied up for safety, head lice prevention and tidiness.

Sports Activities: It is recommended that suitable sporting clothes be worn, including sneakers or sports shoes for P. E. activities. House sports events are held on a regular basis and students are encouraged to wear clothing in the colours of their house for these events.

School Camps: A list of appropriate clothing will be forwarded to parents prior to each school camp.

Parents seeking exemptions to the Dress Code due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability, health condition or economic hardship should discuss their concerns with the Principal in the first instance.

Evaluation

This policy will be reviewed as part of Fairfield Primary School's four-year review cycle in November 2022.

References

Please see the [related school policies](#) posted on the Fairfield PS website:

- SunSmart Policy
- Head Lice Policy
- Camp Policy
- Excursion and Incursion Policy

This policy was ratified by School Council in **November 2018**.