

# SCHOOL DRESS CODE-UNIFORM POLICY



## Rationale

Kingswood Primary School creates a positive difference for each student by providing an engaging, innovative and caring learning environment. The uniform policy reinforces pride in students own appearance and creates a sense of belonging as an integral part of the school community and assists in developing pride when representing the school.

This dress code has been developed by Kingswood Primary School's School Council in close consultation with our 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 a sense of pride in, and identification with, our school
- support Kingswood 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 base of clothing
- provide durable clothing that is cost-effective and practical for our school environment
- 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

Kingswood Primary School's school uniform items can be found in Appendix A

## Jewellery And Cosmetics

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

Nail polish and make-up should not be worn at school

## Hair

Shoulder-length hair must be tied back with a hair tie.

## Sun Safety

SunSmart hats consistent with our SunSmart policy must be worn outside from 1<sup>st</sup> August to April 30<sup>th</sup>. Hats are not to be worn inside.

## **Winter**

Students are permitted to wear raincoats, beanies and scarves to and from school and at break times. School colours are preferred for these items.

## **Purchase Of Uniforms**

Uniform items can be purchased PSW Store in Cheltenham:

<https://www.psw.com.au/> .

Kingswood Primary School's Parent's Association also operates a second-hand uniform store for parents. Items can be purchased via Quickcliq: <https://www.quickcliq.com.au>

## **Support For Families Experiencing Financial Difficulty**

If families are experiencing financial difficulty meeting uniform costs, please contact the school's Principal or Business Manager to discuss what support the school is able to provide, including information about eligibility for uniform support through State Schools' Relief.

Further information about State Schools' Relief is also available on their website:

<https://stateschoolsrelief.org.au/>

## **Implementation**

Kingswood 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.

Students wearing non-compliant uniform items may be asked to change into a compliant item of clothing provided by the school.

If a student is out of school uniform or otherwise breaches the Student Dress Code on a recurring basis, parents will be informed. In this event, the school will continue to work with the student and family to support compliance.

Measures taken by Kingswood Primary School to address concerns about student non-compliance with the Student Dress Code will also be addressed in accordance with our Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy.

## **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 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 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 the Student Dress Code**

Kingswood Primary School welcomes feedback from our 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 [Complaints Policy](#), available on the school website.

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 staff handbook/manual
- Discussed at staff briefings/meetings as required
- Included in transition and enrolment packs
- Discussed at parent information nights/sessions
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

### **Further Information and Resources**

Kingswood Primary School SunSmart Policy

Kingswood Primary School Complaints Policy

Kingswood Primary School Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy

Department of Education and Training [Student Engagement policies and guidelines](#)

Department of Education and Training [Student Dress Code](#)

### **Appendix: Uniform List**

Our uniform is available from PSW Store in Cheltenham and can be purchased directly from there.

The uniform colours are compulsory. Wearing a uniform is a demonstration of being part of the Kingswood community.

We encourage all students to be neatly presented and expect students with long hair wear to tie it back, as this will minimise the chance of head lice spreading.

All uniform items must be labelled with the students first and last name.

### **Shoes, Socks & Tights**

We prefer white sole runners, although black is acceptable. Open toe sandals and the like are not acceptable for OHS reasons.

We expect socks to be navy or white.

Navy tights may be worn with the winter uniform.

### **Hats**

We are a SunSmart School and have a "No Hat, No Play" policy from 1<sup>st</sup> August to April 30<sup>th</sup>. It is essential your child always has a brimmed hat available for use. We recommend you include a spare hat in their bag. Two types of hats are available as a part of our Uniform – Broad Brimmed Style and a Navy Beanie.

Use of sunscreen is also strongly encouraged.

**The Following Is A Summary Of The Uniform Options:**

**UNIFORM LIST**

**The following items are approved uniform items from PSW to be worn to and from school, during school hours and when attending school activities.**

SUMMER DRESS	Navy, red & white check, A-line dress
SHORTS	Navy
SKORT	Navy
POLO SHIRT	Red, navy & white with School Logo. Short sleeved or long sleeved.
BOMBER JACKET	Red with School Logo
WINTER BOX PLEAT TUNIC	Red & navy tartan
WINTER BOX PLEAT SKIRT	Red & navy tartan
TRACK PANTS	Navy
TROUSERS	Navy
SOCKS	White or navy
TIGHTS	Navy, to be worn with winter tunic or skirt
SHOES	White soled runners. <b>NO</b> open toed shoes.
BUCKET HAT	Navy with School Logo, wide brimmed
<b>SPORTS UNIFORM (Years 5 &amp; 6)</b>	
SKORT	Navy with School Logo
SPORTS SHORTS	
<b>Additional Items</b>	
SCHOOL BAG	
YEAR 6 VARSITY/HOODY/ECT	School approved each year based on student selection
YEAR 6 POLO SHIRT	

**POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

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