



PINEWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

STUDENT DRESS CODE POLICY



Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact Pinewood Primary School on (03) 8847 3200 or pinewood.ps@education.vic.gov.au

1 PURPOSE

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

2 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.

3 UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE

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

- Green and white check frock or Pinewood tartan tunic
- Green shorts/track pants/skorts
- Pinewood polo shirt (Prep-6)/Pinewood sports shirt (3-6)
- Green Pinewood windcheater or jacket
- White, green or black socks, black school shoes or runners
- Hat (Term 1 and 4).
- **Black/Green leggings or stockings are only to be worn under uniform pieces such as shorts, skorts or dresses**
- A full list of available uniform items is available at <https://www.psw.com.au/schools/pinewood-primary-school.html>

3.1 General appearance

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, Pinewood Primary School 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 garments are hidden.

3.2 Jewellery and cosmetics

Students are not permitted to wear decorative jewellery to school, other than those of cultural or religious significance. Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, and watches, are the only acceptable jewellery.

Cosmetics may not be worn at school. Only clear nail polish is permitted.

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

Hats should not be worn inside.

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.

4 PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS

Uniform items can be purchased from PSW, 342-350 Springvale Road, Glen Waverley or online at <https://www.psw.com.au/schools/pinewood-primary-school.html>

Pinewood Primary School Parents' Club also operates a second-hand uniform store for parents. This stall is open at least twice yearly, and is advertised in the school Newsletter.

4.1 Support for families experiencing difficulty

Please contact the Principal or Wellbeing and Welfare Leading Teacher 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/>

5 IMPLEMENTATION

Pinewood 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, a note will be provided to the student and parents by the classroom teacher. If non-compliance with the dress code becomes a continued occurrence, the Principal or delegate will be informed 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.

Measures taken by Pinewood 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](#).

6 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.

7 CONCERNS ABOUT THIS STUDENT DRESS CODE

Pinewood 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 way:

- Included in staff induction processes and staff training
- Available publicly on our school's website
- Included in staff handbook/manual
- Discussed at staff briefings/meetings as required
- Reminders in our school newsletter

Hard copy available from school administration upon request

APPROVAL AND REVIEW

[The Department's Student Dress Code policy](#) requires School Councils to decide annually whether or not amendments or a full review of the dress code is required

Created date

2nd November 2023

Consultation

Consultation was sought from School Council and the School Community in the development of this policy

Next review date

November 2027

- This policy was approved by the School Council on

21st November, 2023