

Parktone Primary School: Student Dress Code



Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy, please contact the Parktone Primary School front office.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Parktone 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 Parktone 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 Parktone 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 traveling to and from school, during school hours and when attending school activities.

UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE

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

Summer Uniform

Students may choose from the following items:

- Navy and white cotton check dress
- Royal blue cotton shorts (uni-sex)
- Royal blue cotton skorts
- Sky blue short sleeve polo shirt with school logo
- Royal blue school logo windcheater (crew neck or bomber jacket style)
- Socks are to be unbranded, black, white or in keeping with blue school uniform colours. No bright coloured or football socks to be worn

Winter Uniform

Students may choose from the following items:

- Sky blue long sleeve polo shirt with school logo
- Sky blue skivvy
- Royal blue school logo windcheater (crew neck or bomber jacket style)

- Royal blue polar fleece vest, jacket or hoodie with school logo
 - Royal blue tracksuit pants (plain or double knee)
 - Royal blue bootleg pants (cotton elastane)
 - Winter weight checked skirt or tunic
 - Navy blue tights (to be worn with the checked skirt or tunic)
 - Socks are to be unbranded, black, white or in keeping with blue school uniform colours. No bright coloured or football socks to be worn
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Sports Uniform

Students may wear the following items during sport (including interschool sport) or physical education activities:

- Parktone polyester short sleeve sports top
 - Royal blue netball skirt, skirt or shorts
 - Royal blue uni-sex sports shorts
 - Blue or black leggings
 - Royal blue tracksuit pants
 - Royal blue school logo windcheater (crew neck or bomber jacket style)
 - Runners
 - Local club sporting attire NOT to be worn.
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Hats

- Royal blue slouch hats with the school logo are compulsory during **Terms 1 and 4** in accordance with the **SunSmart policy**.
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Non-Uniform Days

- On free dress days, clothing must comply with the **SunSmart policy**.
- Singlet tops are **not permitted**.

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 are the only acceptable jewellery
- Extreme hair colours (e.g.: green, pink, or purple rinses) and/or extreme hairstyles (e.g.: spikes, or Mohawks) are not permitted.
- No nail polish, make-up or cosmetics may be worn at school.
- Fundraising wristbands can be worn on the special awareness day, i.e., Red Nose Day, or for one week only if no specific date exists.

Other Guidelines

- When representing the school, students are expected to comply with this Student Dress Code and may be provided with representative clothing for the occasion.
- During terms two and three, the wearing of beanies (woollen / polar fleece) in the school colour of royal blue will be permitted.

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.

Students who wear braids or locs may wear them loose, except for applied technology classes where hair should be tied back for safety purposes.

School uniform hats must be worn outside from mid-August (exact date to be set by the school annually) to 30 April 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.

Hats are not to 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.

To ensure safety for students while at school, scarves can be worn to and from school, but must be removed when students arrive.

PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS

Uniform items can be purchased directly from PSW: <https://www.psw.com.au>

Parktone Primary School's School Parents' Club also operates a second-hand uniform store for parents. Opening hours will be communicated on our school Compass portal

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 or year 7 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, Genevieve Casonato to discuss support that we may be able to provide.

IMPLEMENTATION

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

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 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 Parktone 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 acknowledge that there might be instances where the enforcement of this dress code could impact students differently.

Students and their parents or carers may apply either in writing 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

Parktone 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*, available on our school website.

COMMUNICATION AND GOVERNANCE

- Available publicly on our school's website
- The student Dress Code, including details of uniform items and places of purchase, will be published in the newsletter at the start of each year and heading into Winter.
- School Council requires the Principal to be responsible for implementation of the Dress Code.
- Arrangements can be made to supply uniforms via State Schools Relief for families experiencing economic hardship.
- Parents seeking exemptions to the Dress Code due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability, health conditions or economic hardship must apply in writing to the Principal for consideration.
- Non-compliance of the uniform policy is managed by the staff of Parktone Primary, and the Principal has the final say on consequences for non-compliance which can include exclusion.
- Reminders in our school newsletter and Home Communication via Compass
- Included in transition and enrolment packs
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Parktone Primary School's Sunsmart Policy
- Parktone Primary School's Parent Complaint Policy
- Parktone 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

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