

Park Ridge Primary School Student Dress Code October, 2025

Purpose

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Park Ridge 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 Park Ridge 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:

- promote a sense of identity and pride, cohesion and good order in the school
- allow all students to feel equal
- prevent bullying and competition on the basis of clothing
- ensure students' appearance reflects the expectations of their school community
- enhance the profile and identity of the school and its students within the wider community
- strengthen the spirit of community within the school
- enhance individual student safety and group security
- ensure all students are dressed safely and appropriately for school activities
- prepare students for the expectations of workplaces
- encourage students to present themselves appropriately for a particular role.

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 during school hours and when attending school activities.

Policy

UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE

The full list of Park Ridge Primary School's school uniform items are available at www.spartanschoolworld.com.au/collections/park-ridge-primary-school

General appearance

While at school, traveling to or from school or participating in school activities, Park Ridge Primary School students must comply with the following:

- Uniforms must be clean and in good repair
- Uniforms must 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
- Students are permitted to wear navy coats and jackets to provide additional warmth in the colder months.

Jewellery and cosmetics

- Students are not permitted to wear decorative jewellery to school. 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.

Hair and sun safety

- Shoulder length or longer hair is to be tied back to help restrict the spread of nits and lice and for student safety.
- Hair is not to be dyed unless it is of a natural tone/colour.
- School uniform hats must be worn outside during Terms 1 and 4 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.

Year 6 Options

- Year 6 students have an optional jacket and polo shirt which can be ordered/purchased the year prior to students beginning Year 6.

Sports Top

- Students in Years 3-6 have an option to wear a Park Ridge Primary School sports top.

PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS

Uniform items can be purchased from Spartan School World uniform suppliers either online at www.spartanschoolworld.com.au/collections/park-ridge-primary-school or at one of their retail locations.

Park Ridge Primary School also operates a second-hand uniform store for parents/carers once a term. All families are notified of these sales through COMPASS and the School Newsletter.

Support for families experiencing difficulty

Please contact the Principal or Assistant Principal – Wellbeing 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/>

IMPLEMENTATION

Park Ridge Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website and newsletters. 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 parent/carers 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 Park Ridge 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 the enforcement of this Student Dress Code may impact students differently.

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 the code:
 - prevents students from being able to attend school or participate in school activities on the same terms as other students because of the [personal characteristics referred to in human rights and anti-discrimination requirements](#)
 - offends a religious belief held by the student or parents/carers
 - prevents students from complying with a requirement of their religious, ethnic or cultural background
- the student has a particular disability or health condition that requires a deviation from the dress code
- the student or the parents/carers can demonstrate financial hardship that prevents them from complying with the dress code.
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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
- guarantee that issues of a personal nature revealed to substantiate the request will be strictly confidential
- 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, including providing advice about support with meeting uniform costs. If an exemption is not permitted, then a written explanation will be provided to the student and/or their parents/carers.

CONCERNS ABOUT THIS STUDENT DRESS CODE

Park Ridge Primary School welcomes feedback from the school community in relation to this Student Dress Code. If you have a concern/complaint about the Student Dress Code, further information about raising a concern/complaint is available in our school's *Complaints Policy*.

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Park Ridge Primary School *Sunsmart Policy*
- Park Ridge Primary School *Complaints Policy*
- Park Ridge Primary School *Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy*
- Department of Education and Training [Student Dress Code](#)
- Department of Education and Training [Student Engagement policies and guidelines](#).

COMMUNICATION

This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways:

- available publicly on our school’s website
- discussed in student forums
- reminders in our school newsletter

Views on our Student Dress Code have been invited from the whole school community. The school community consultation invited feedback about uniform cost and affordability. This feedback has been recorded, carefully considered and incorporated into the *Student Dress Code policy* where appropriate.

Review

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school’s three-yearly policy review process.

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