



## PARK ORCHARDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Student Dress Code Policy

#### PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Park Orchards Primary School 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 Orchards Primary 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 Park Orchards 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

The uniform policy is the responsibility of the School Council in consultation with parents, teachers and students where appropriate.

#### UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE

The full list of Park Orchards Primary School's compulsory school uniform items are available in Appendix A to this policy.

##### General Appearance

While at school or when 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 hidden
- Studs, sleepers and watches are the only acceptable jewellery
- No makeup or nail polish to be worn

##### Health and Sun Safety

- Shoulder length or longer hair is to be tied back to help restrict the spread of lice and for student safety.
- School uniform hats must be worn outside from 1st September to 30th 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.

## PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS

All uniform items are available from the school uniform supplier PSW (Primary School Wear) [www.psw.com.au](http://www.psw.com.au). Orders can be placed online or parents can visit the shop in Croydon. Appointments are available as well as “Click & Collect” and home delivery.

Park Orchards Primary School’s Parent Association also operates a second-hand uniform store once a month after the Aussie of the Month Assemblies.

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 Foundation 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 or the Assistant Principal to discuss support that we may be able to provide.

## IMPLEMENTATION

Park Orchards Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website and on Compass. 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, an email will be sent to the 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.

## 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 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 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

Park Orchards 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 Complaint Policy available on our website.

## COMMUNICATION

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

- Available publicly on our school's website and on Compass
- Reminders in our school newsletter
- 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

- Park Orchards Primary School Sunsmart Policy
- Park Orchards Primary School Parent Complaint Policy
- Park Orchards 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](#).

## POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Policy last reviewed	18 February 2025
Consultation	School Council
Approved by	School Council
Next scheduled review date	February 2028

**APPENDIX A****GIRLS UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS**

<b>Uniform Options</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bottle green broad rimmed hat with school logo</li> <li>• Summer dress</li> <li>• Bottle green skort or shorts</li> <li>• Gold short sleeved school polo shirt with school logo</li> <li>• School windcheater or bomber jacket with school logo</li> <li>• Winter pinafore or skirt</li> <li>• Bottle green winter tights</li> <li>• Gold or bottle green skivvy</li> <li>• Bottle green pants</li> <li>• Gold long sleeved school polo shirts with logo school</li> <li>• Bottle green polar vest</li> </ul>
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**BOYS UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS**

<b>Uniform Options</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bottle green broad rimmed hat with school logo</li> <li>• Bottle green shorts</li> <li>• Gold short sleeved school polo shirts with school logo</li> <li>• School windcheater or bomber jacket with school logo</li> <li>• Bottle green pants</li> <li>• Gold or green skivvy</li> <li>• Gold long sleeved school polo shirts with school logo</li> <li>• School windcheater or bomber jacket with logo</li> <li>• Bottle green polar vest</li> </ul>
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**GENERAL UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS**

<b>Sports Uniform:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In Foundation, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4 students will wear their usual school uniform items and wear runners as footwear</li> <li>• In Year 5 and Year 6 students will wear the school sports top, and shorts (purchased in Year 5)</li> </ul>
<b>Shoes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Black school shoes or black runners <b>on non-sport days</b></li> <li>• Runners on <b>Sports and PE days only</b></li> <li>• No open toed sandals or Street Shoes</li> </ul>
<b>Socks</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• White or black socks**</li> </ul>
<b>Hair</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hair should be tied back if it is shoulder length</li> </ul>
<b>Bag</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bottle green school bag with school logo</li> </ul>

\*\* These items are not available from the uniform shop