

# STUDENT DRESS CODE



## Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact our administration team on 9782 0953.

## PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Rowellyn Park 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 Rowellyn Park 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 Rowellyn Park 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.

## 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

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

Compulsory Garments	Colour	Special Features
Short Sleeve Polo Shirt	Maroon	Sky Blue logo or plain
Long Sleeve Polo Shirt	Maroon	Sky Blue logo or plan
Skivvy	Navy Blue	Plain
Bomber Jacket	Maroon with Navy Sleeves	Sky Blue Logo
Windcheater	Navy	Sky Blue Logo
Shorts	Navy	All students may wear shorts, they may be cotton inter-lock or cargo style, but must be plain navy with no additional colour tags, zips or decorations.
Tracksuit/Long Pants	Navy	All students may wear long pants, but they must be plain navy. Cargo style, stretch bootleg and track pants are all acceptable.
Summer dress	Blue/White/Maroon Check	Students may choose to wear navy bike shorts

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		under their dresses, but they must not be worn lower than the hem of the dress.
Winter Tunic	Navy Tartan	Skivvies may be worn under the tunic, but they must be navy blue.
Sports Skirt	Navy	Students may choose to wear a net-ball skirt, but only on PE days and not as a regular part of the uniform.
Hats – terms 1 & 4	Navy	Wide Brimmed only.
Hats – terms 2 & 3	Navy	Plain navy cap or beanie may be worn outside, but not in class.
Shoes		Students must wear shoes that cover their toes and heels. Open toed sandals, thongs and shoes with high heels are not acceptable footwear for school.
Socks	White or navy	
<b>Additional garments</b>	<b>Colour</b>	<b>Special Features</b>
Coats, gloves and scarves	Navy / Maroon	<b>Plain only</b>
<b>Optional garments – Year 5 &amp; 6</b>		
Senior school polo shirt	Navy/white	Year 5 & 6 students only
Senior school shorts	Navy/white	Year 5 & 6 students only
Senior school half zip jumper	Navy/maroon/sky blue	Year 5 & 6 students only
<b>Optional garment – Year 6 only</b>		
Year 6 graduate polo shirt	Navy/white with graduate class graphic on reverse.	Year 6 students only

Pricelists and further information on the above items can be found on our [school website](#).

## **General appearance**

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, Rowellyn Park 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.

## **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.

## **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 ties and headbands should be in school colours where possible to compliment the uniform. Excessive use of hair gel to create elaborate hair creations is also not acceptable.

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School uniform hats must be worn outside in Terms 1 and 4. 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

Uniform items can be purchased from Beleza Uniforms Frankston located at Shop 3, 129-133 Beach Street, Frankston. See Appendices for price lists.

### **Support for families experiencing difficulty**

Please contact the Junior or Senior School Assistant Principal 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/>

Rowellyn Park Primary School also has uniforms available to families to borrow on request.

## IMPLEMENTATION

Rowellyn Park 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.

Students wearing non-compliant uniform items will be asked to remove non-complaint items of clothing and/or 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 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 Rowellyn Park 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 in writing to the Junior or Senior School Assistant 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

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- 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.

## CONCERNS ABOUT THIS STUDENT DRESS CODE

Rowellyn Park 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 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
- 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

- Rowellyn Park Primary School Sunsmart Policy
- Rowellyn Park Primary School Parent Complaint Policy
- Rowellyn Park 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

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