



Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy, please contact the principal or assistant principal.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Ardeer 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 Ardeer 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 Ardeer 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

Ardeer Primary School's compulsory school uniform items include a choice of the following items:

• Short Sleeve Polo- (Jade with ink navy panels, ink navy/orange trim and school logo)	• Track Pants - Single Knee- (Ink navy)
• Long Sleeve Polo- (Jade with ink navy panels, ink navy/orange trim and school logo)	• Track Pants - Double Knee- (Ink navy)
• V-Neck Jumper- (Ink navy, jade/orange trim and school logo)	• Scooter Skort- (Ink navy)
• Soft Shell Jacket- (Ink navy, jade/orange trim and school logo)	• Beanie- (Ink navy, jade and orange piping, ink navy, jade and orange pom pom with school logo)

• Summer Dress- (Grey/emerald/teal striped with opal trim)	• Bucket Hat- (Ink navy with school logo)
• Microfiber sport short- (Ink navy)	• Tights- (Navy or ink navy)
• Skivvy- (navy or ink navy)	• Headwear- Navy, ink Navy or white head bands, hair ribbons, “scrunchies” or headwear worn as part of cultural/religious beliefs. Elastic Bands used to tie up hair may be worn in any colour.
• Year 6 polo shirt/jacket or windcheater will be available for purchase each year for Year 6 students	• Appropriate footwear (no open-toed shoes permitted) for daily school activities, for Physical Education and related activities

The following items will be retired at the end of 2028 or replaced with new items as listed above.

These items may be worn until the start of Term 3 2028:

- Purple short sleeve polo
- Purple long sleeve polo
- Navy short
- Navy skort
- Navy reinforced knee track pants
- Purple round neck windcheater
- Navy bomber jacket
- Purple rugby top
- Navy bootleg pants
- Navy bucket hat

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 navy or black in colour- no hoods are permitted
- Hats or beanies 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.
- Studs, sleepers and watches are the only acceptable jewellery. **The wearing of jewellery, other than wrist watches, is not encouraged.**

PURCHASE OF SCHOOL UNIFORM

Uniform items can be purchased from the onsite uniform store at the school. A limited amount of quality second-hand uniform is available for purchase for \$5 an item from the front office.

Support for families experiencing financial difficulty

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 general office or member of the leadership team to discuss support that we may be able to provide to families having trouble 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

Ardeer Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website and hard copy form upon request. 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 Ardeer 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 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.
- insert other exemptions applicable to your school

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 THE STUDENT DRESS CODE

Ardeer 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](#).

COMMUNICATION

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

- Available publicly on our school's website
- Included in staff induction processes and staff training
- Included in staff handbook/manual
- Included in transition and enrolment packs
- Discussed at parent information nights/sessions
- Reminders in our school newsletter
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

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