



# Syndal South Primary School

## Student Dress Code Policy



### Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact Syndal South Primary School on 9802 5277.

### PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Syndal South 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 SSPS School Council in close consultation with the 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 Syndal South 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

The full list of Syndal South Primary School's compulsory school uniform items is available in Appendix A of this policy.

#### General Appearance

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, Syndal South 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, jewellery worn for religious, ethnic or cultural beliefs as well watches (excluding SMART watches), are the only acceptable jewellery.

Cosmetics may not be worn at school. Only clear nail polish is permitted.



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### 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.

School uniform hats must be worn outside from mid-August (exact date to be set by the school annually) to 30<sup>th</sup> April and on any other day prescribed by the school. School uniform hats may also be worn outside of this time, 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.

### UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE

Uniform items with the school emblem can be purchased from Primary School Wear (PSW), or the second hand uniform at school which is open once a term or as needed. Opening times will be communicated via the Compass Portal.

### Support for Families Experiencing Difficulty

Please contact the 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/>.

### IMPLEMENTATION

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

Students wearing non-compliant uniform items may be asked to 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.

### 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 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



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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

Syndal South 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 the school website.

### COMMUNICATION

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

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

### FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Department of Education and Training [Student Dress Code](#)

### POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Policy last reviewed	June 2024
Consultation	School Council/via the school newsletter
Endorsed by	Principal on 18 <sup>th</sup> June 2024
Next review date	June 2027



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## Appendix A: Syndal South Uniform Items

### All Year Round

The following items may be worn all year round, with either the summer or winter uniform:

#### Jacket or Windcheater

- Bottle green jacket with school logo
- Bottle green vest with school logo

#### Polo shirts

- Yellow long or short sleeved with school logo

#### Skorts

- Bottle green skorts without decoration or brand name

#### Tights

- Bottle green or black

#### Footwear

- Appropriate footwear is to be worn. Summer sandals with covered toes, black school shoes or pull-on school boots or runners are permitted. No thongs or open-toed sandals are permitted.

#### Headwear

- Bottle green, black or yellow 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.

#### Dresses

- School bottle green, white and gold checked dress
- Bottle green, black, gold winter check tunic (box pleat)

#### Shorts

- Bottle green shorts without decoration
- Bottle green mesh sports shorts
- Short black leggings for under dresses
- Long black leggings for under skorts

#### Pants

- Bottle green track pants without decoration
- Bottle green cargo pants without decoration

#### Skivvies

- Bottle green or yellow skivvy

#### Hats

- Bottle green broadbrim with logo or without decoration
- Bottle green bucket hat with logo or without decoration

#### Accessories

- Bottle green raincoat
- School bag
- Bookbag
- Beanie