



Dress Code Policy

Purpose

At Fairfield Primary School it is not compulsory to wear the school uniform, however it is recommended that students wear a version of the uniform.

The school uniform provides durable, cost-effective clothing that is practical for our school environment. It also meets all the required elements of the school dress code. Wearing the uniform builds and reinforces school spirit and promotes equity amongst students. The uniform is also an aid to safety on excursions and en route to and from school.

At Fairfield Primary School most students wear a version of the uniform.

Scope

The aim of this policy is to inform parents and students about the school uniform and dress code.

Definitions

SCHOOL UNIFORM

The school uniform for students at Fairfield Primary is based on bright primary colours—red and navy blue. Art4All t-shirts are considered part of the school uniform. For Year 6 students, commemorative clothing is also recognised as part of the school uniform.

DRESS CODE

The dress code at Fairfield Primary extends beyond the school uniform. It has two parts:

- Required (i.e., compulsory) school wear.
- Strongly Recommended (i.e., voluntary) school wear.

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SCHOOL UNIFORM

Summer and winter uniforms may be purchased from the accredited uniform shop ([A Plus Schoolwear](#)) or parents may comprise like items sourced elsewhere. Some second hand items are also available via the school second hand uniform shop.

It is strongly recommended that the school uniform be worn on excursions and photo days.

Families experiencing financial hardship may be eligible for uniform support through [State Schools' Relief](#). Please speak with the school's Business Manager to find out more about the program and support available.

DRESS CODE—REQUIRED/COMPULSARY

These *requirements* are based on health and safety considerations.

SunSmart Hats

- SunSmart Hats are required for all outdoor activities between August and the end of April.
- Acceptable hats are broad-brimmed, bucket and legionnaire's hats.



- Students without hats during this period are required to remain within the sheltered areas at recess and lunchtime and are not permitted on the oval or the open play areas.

SunSmart Clothing

- Students must wear shirts, tops, and dresses with sleeves and that cover the midriff. Examples of inappropriate clothing are singlets and straps on bare shoulders.

Shoes

- Students must wear shoes that provide protection to the toes and heels and must not be a hazard to others. Examples of inappropriate footwear are crocs, thongs, open toed sandals, and high heels.

Writing or imagery on any item of clothing must reflect the values of Fairfield Primary School.

DRESS CODE—STRONGLY RECOMMENDED/VOLUNTARY

Jewellery

- Stud earrings and sleepers may be worn in the ears, and watches/Fitbits are acceptable. Please note, these items may not be appropriate for some activities and sporting events.
- It is strongly recommended that all other jewellery be left at home.

Hair

- It is recommended that shoulder length and longer hair be tied up for safety, head lice prevention and tidiness.

Sunglasses

- Students may wear sunglasses during outdoor activities. Sunglasses should be a close-fitting, wrap around style that meets the Australian standard 1067.

Sports Activities

- It is recommended that suitable sporting clothes be worn, including sneakers or sports shoes for Physical Education activities.
- House sports events are held on a regular basis and students are encouraged to wear clothing in the colours of their house for these events.

School Camps

- A list of appropriate clothing will be forwarded to parents prior to each school camp.

Further Information & Resources

Refer to the following Department of Education policies:

- Student Dress Code
- Student Engagement Policy

Please see the related school policies posted on the Fairfield PS website:

- SunSmart Policy
- Head Lice Policy



Communication

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

- Available publicly on our school's website.
- Included in transition and enrolment packs.
- Discussed at parent information nights/sessions.
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request.

Evaluation

This policy will be reviewed as part of Fairfield Primary School's four-year review cycle in October 2027.

Policy Review & Approval

Policy last reviewed	October 2023
Consultation	Consultation with School Council Policy sub-committee and taken to School Council for noting.
Approved by School Council & Principal	October 2023
Next scheduled review date	October 2027