

# DRESS CODE - STUDENTS

OCTOBER 2023 - 2027



## Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact Rolling Hills Primary School on 9726 4454.

## PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Rolling Hills 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 Rolling Hills 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 Rolling Hills 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 Example School's compulsory school uniform items are available at Appendix A to this policy.

### **General appearance**

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, Example 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 only permitted to wear stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, and watches, are the only acceptable jewellery.

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

### **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.

### **Footwear**

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

School uniform hats must be worn outside from mid-August to end of April and on any other day prescribed by the school. School uniform hats may also be worn outside of this time period, by parent/care giver or student choice.

Hats are not to be worn inside, unless specified do to a medical condition or additional needs as requested by a parent/care giver.

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 at school, or parents may order it directly from Beleza School Uniforms. Please visit their website for more information and your nearest store location <https://beleza.com.au/>.

Rolling Hills Primary School also operates a second-hand uniform store for parents. Please contact the school office on 9726 4454 for more information.

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

Please contact the Principal or 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/>

Rolling Hills Primary School also has uniforms available to families to borrow on request.

## **IMPLEMENTATION**

Rolling Hills Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through Compass and our website. 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.

## 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 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 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

Rolling Hills 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 school website <https://rollinghillsps.vic.edu.au/policies-and-documents/>

## COMMUNICATION

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

- Available publicly on school website
- Included in staff induction processes (USB)
- Included in our staff handbook (USB) / OneDrive
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request
- Annual reference in school newsletter

## FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Rolling Hills Primary School Sunsmart Policy
- Rolling Hills Primary School Parent Complaint Policy
- Rolling Hills 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	October 2023
Consultation	School Council – 24/10/2023
Approved by	School Council – 24/10/2023
Next scheduled review date	October 2024 School Council to decide annually whether or not amendments or a full review are required.



## APPENDIX A: ROLLING HILLS PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM ITEMS

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