

STUDENT DRESS CODE POLICY

MEADOWS PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand this policy, please contact Meadows Primary School
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PURPOSE

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

The full list of Meadows Primary 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, 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 completely hidden
- Studs, sleepers and watches are the only acceptable jewellery
- No make up, nail polish or long nails (including acrylic or tips) are allowed

Health and safety

Shoulder length or longer hair is to be tied back to help restrict the spread of lice and for student safety.

Jewellery, nails, hair accessories and similar items that interfere with students' ability to engage with school activities safely and fully are not permitted.

School uniform hats must be worn outside from 17 August to 30 April and on any other day prescribed by the school. School uniform hats may also be worn outside of this time period, by parent or student choice.

Hats are not to be worn inside.

PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS

Uniform items can be purchased from LOWES instore or online at <https://www.lowes.com.au/schools-online-landing> and school hats from the school office.

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 principal, assistant principal who oversees wellbeing or a member of the wellbeing team to discuss support that we may be able to provide.

IMPLEMENTATION

Meadows Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website, enrollment packs and school newsletter. 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.

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.

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

Meadows 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 here <https://meadowsp.s.vic.edu.au/policies>

COMMUNICATION

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

- Available publicly on our school's website <https://meadowsp.s.vic.edu.au/policies>
- Reminders in our school newsletter
- Discussed in student forums
- 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

- Meadows Primary School SunSmart Policy
- Meadows Primary School Parent Complaint Policy
- Meadows 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	June
Consultation	August - School Council
Approved by	School Council NOTE: The department's Student Dress Code policy requires School Councils to decide annually whether amendments or a full review of the dress code is required.
Next scheduled review date	June 2029

APPENDIX A: MEADOWS PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM ITEMS

All year round

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

Windcheater or Jacket

Black V neck with school logo

Black striped bands with school logo

Black Year 6 jackets with logo and Class design on back– worn only by year 6 students

Polo shirts

Teal long and short sleeved with school logo.

Shorts

Plain black without decoration or brand name

Pants

Plain, black track pants without decoration or brand name

Plain black bootleg pants with elastic waistband

Socks or tights/stockings

Black or white socks

Black tights/stockings

Footwear

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

Headwear

Black or teal head bands, hair ribbons, “scrunchies” or headwear worn as part of cultural/religious beliefs.

Summer Uniform – to be worn in Terms 1 and 4

Dresses

Summer green and white checked dress

Shorts

Plain black shorts without decoration or brand name

Winter Uniform – to be worn in Term 2 and 3

Skivvies

Plain black skivvy under polo tops or jumpers

Hats – to be worn from 17 August to 30 April

Black bucket hat with school logo