



FOOTSCRAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Student Dress Code Policy



PURPOSE

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

Sun safety

School uniform hats must be worn outside from 15 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.

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.

Beanies in school colours can be worn outside during colder months.

PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS

Uniform items can be purchased from Noone Imagewear. Further information is available on our school website.

Second-hand uniform is available to buy, swap or sell on the Footscray Primary School Donate, Sell and Swap site which is hosted on Facebook. This is a closed site operated by parent volunteers. Further information is available on our website.

Support for families experiencing difficulty

Please contact the Principal or Business Manager 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

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

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 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

Footscray 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.

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Footscray Primary School Sunsmart Policy
- Footscray Primary School Parent Complaint Policy
- Footscray 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](#).

REVIEW CYCLE

This Student Dress Code was last approved by School Council on 21st October 2020 and is scheduled for review in August 2021.

APPENDIX A: FOOTSCRAY PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM ITEMS

All year round

The following items may be worn all year round:

Windcheater or Bomber Jacket

Royal blue windcheater with school logo

Royal blue bomber jacket with school logo

Polo shirts

Royal blue or red long and short sleeved with school logo

Shorts

Plain, royal blue shorts without decoration or brand name

Skorts

Royal blue skort

Summer Dresses

Royal blue, red and white checked

Winter Tunic or Skirt

Royal blue, navy blue and red checked

Pants

Plain, royal blue track pants without decoration or brand name

Footwear

Appropriate footwear is to be worn. Practical shoes should be worn that are suitable for active play such as runners and sneakers. No thongs or open-toed sandals are permitted.

Hats – to be worn from 15 August to 30 April

Navy broadbrim hat or legionnaires hat without decoration or brand name (preferably with school logo)