



DRESS CODE (STUDENT) POLICY

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to outline Springside Primary School requirements for student dress and appearance and to provide information about the uniform purchase and support, dress code implementation and exemption processes.

This dress code has been developed by Springside 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 Springside Primary School's commitment to ensuring that our students feel equal and are dressed safely and appropriately for school activities
- 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.

Implementation

Uniform and appearance

Springside Primary School's compulsory school uniform is listed as Appendix A at the end of this policy.

General appearance

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, Springside 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

At Springside Primary School:

- o stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, watches and religious pendant are the only acceptable jewellery
- o students are not permitted to wear decorative jewellery to school
- o cosmetics are not be worn at school
- o only clear nail polish is permitted.

Hair and Sun safety

At Springside Primary School:

- o shoulder length or longer hair is to be tied back to help restrict the spread of nits and lice and for student safety.
- o hair accessories, scarves and head scarves must be navy, black or white
- o hairstyles at the discretion of the principal and assistant principal
- o school hats are to be worn for all outdoor activities during terms one and four, recommended at other times
- o hats are not to be worn inside
- o 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 directly from Dobsons (<https://dobsons.com.au>).

Support for families experiencing difficulty

Please contact the Principal or Student Welfare Coordinator/Child Safety Officer 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/>

Enforcement of the Dress Code (Student) Policy

Springside Primary School will ensure that this Dress Code (Student) Policy is communicated to all families and students through our website and in our 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 a note explaining the reason and duration must be given to their homegroup teacher at the start of the school day.

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.

Measures taken by Springside Primary School to address concerns about student non-compliance with the Student Dress Code will also be addressed in accordance with our Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy.

Exemptions to the Dress Code (Student) Policy

We recognise that there may be situations where the application of this dress code may affect students unequally.

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 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.

Addressing concerns about this Dress Code (Student) Policy

Springside 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*.


Further information and resources

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

Evaluation

- This policy was updated in **OCTOBER 2022**.
- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's review cycle, scheduled for **OCTOBER 2023**.

APPENDIX A: Springside Primary School Uniform Items

<p align="center">Rugby top</p> 	<p align="center">Pullover</p> 	<p align="center">Polo shirt</p> 
<p align="center">School dress <i>Can be worn all year round</i></p> 	<p align="center">Tunic <i>Can be worn all year round</i></p> 	<p align="center">Spray jacket <i>Optional item</i></p> 
<p align="center">Track pant <i>Navy blue – either plain or with school logo</i></p> 	<p align="center">Shorts <i>Navy blue – either plain or with school logo</i></p> 	<p align="center">Hat <i>Plain navy blue broadbrimmed hat to be worn in Terms 1 and 4.</i></p> 
<p align="center">Socks & Leggings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Socks are to be plain in colour. They can be white, black, blue or grey. (No logos or pictures are to be visible) ○ Navy blue leggings can be worn ○ No leggings to be worn under school summer dress 	<p align="center">Headwear</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Navy blue, yellow, black or white 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 	<p align="center">Footwear</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Enclosed black leather shoes suitable for general activity and exercise permitted (See below) ○ Runners to be worn on timetabled sports days ONLY

A plain navy blue jacket is also acceptable to be worn on top of the uniform.

Springside Primary School Acceptable Footwear

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