



DEER PARK NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENT DRESS CODE



Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy, please contact the school office on 93634600.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Deer Park North 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 Deer Park North 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 Deer Park North Primary School's commitment to ensuring that our students feel equal and are dressed safely and appropriately for school activities
- reduce student competition based on 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 Deer Park North Primary School's compulsory school uniform items is 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
- Any nail polish must be clear. Fingernails must be kept at a length suitable for playing sport for safety reasons.

Health and safety

Hair that reaches the shoulder or longer 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 mid-August (exact date to be set by the school annually) 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.

PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS

Uniform items can be purchased from PSW, Unit 2/51-53 Westwood Drive, Ravenhall VIC 3023. Some items may be purchased at the school office i.e. school hats. Second-hand uniform items may be available at the school office. Please inquire at school reception.

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 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 school office to discuss support that we may be able to provide.

IMPLEMENTATION

Deer Park North Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website, school newsletters and Compass. 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.



Measures taken by Deer Park North 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 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 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

Deer Park North 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 the school's website.

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Deer Park North Primary School Sunsmart Policy
- Deer Park North Primary School Parent Complaint Policy
- Deer Park North 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	February - June 2025
Consultation	February 18 & May 13 - School Council Meeting 31 March - Leadership Meeting May Newsletter - Information May 26 - Student Representative Meetings/Feedback
Approved by	School Council
Next scheduled review date	May 2029

The department's Student Dress Code policy requires School Councils to decide annually whether or not amendments or a full review of the dress code is required.



APPENDIX A: DEER PARK NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM ITEMS

All year round

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

Jumper or Vest

School Bonded Jacket - Maroon, Black, Gold with school logo

Windcheater - Maroon with school logo

Polo shirts

Short-sleeved Polo - Dark Grey, Maroon, Gold with school logo.

Long-sleeved Polo - Dark Grey, Maroon, Gold with school logo.

Pants

Trackpants - black track pants without decoration or brand name

Shorts

Plain black without decoration or brand name

Skorts

Plain black skort without decoration or brand name.

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 pull-on school boots or runners are permitted. No thongs or open-toed sandals are permitted.

Headwear

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

Dresses

Summer checked dress - Term 1 and 4

Winter tunic - Term 2 and 3

Summer Uniform Options - to be worn in Terms 1 and 4

- Summer - checked school dress

Winter Uniform Options - to be worn in Term 2 and 3

- Box Pleat tunic
- School beanie with school logo

SunSmart Hat - to be worn from September to April

Maroon - brimmed hat with school logo

Sports uniform

Sports uniform for sports teams will be made available for students playing team sports. These will be provided by the school as required.