



Auburn
Primary School

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Student Dress Code Policy

PURPOSE

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

Auburn Primary School's school uniform items can be found in Appendix A

Jewellery and cosmetics

Students are not permitted to wear decorative jewellery to school. 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.

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.

During winter, students are permitted to wear raincoats, beanies and scarves to and from school and at break times. School colours are preferred for these items.

PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS

Uniform items can be purchased from Bob Stewart: <http://www.bobstewart.com.au>, however many other retailers also stock colour compliant items.

Auburn Primary School's Parent's Association also operates a second-hand uniform store for parents. Please contact the office for further information.

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

Auburn 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.

Students wearing non-compliant uniform items may be asked to change into a compliant item of clothing provided by the school.

If a student is out of school uniform or otherwise breaches the Student Dress Code on a recurring basis, parents will be informed. In this event, the school will continue to work with the student and family to support compliance.

Measures taken by Auburn 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 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 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.

CONCERNS ABOUT THIS STUDENT DRESS CODE

Auburn 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 Concerns & Complaints Policy*, available on the school website.

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Auburn Primary School Sunsmart Policy
- Auburn Primary School Concerns & Complaints Policy
- Auburn 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 in August 2019 and is scheduled for review in 2023

APPENDIX: UNIFORM LIST

Our uniform is available from Bob Stewart's, High St. Kew and can be purchased directly from there. Many other local retailers also stock colour compliant items that can be worn as part of the Auburn uniform.

The uniform colours are compulsory. Wearing a uniform is a demonstration of being part of the Auburn community.

We encourage all students to be neatly presented and ask that students with long hair wear it tied back, as this will minimise the chance of head lice spreading.

Shoes, Socks & Tights

We prefer hard wearing, enclosed black school shoes or runners. Open toed sandals and the like are not acceptable for safety reasons.

We prefer socks to be black, grey or white.

Bottle green tights may be worn with the winter uniform.

Hats

We are a SunSmart School and have a "No Hat, No Play" policy from. It is essential your child has a brimmed hat available for use at all times. We recommend you include a spare hat in their bag. Two school hats are available as a part of our Uniform – Broad Brimmed or Bucket style.

Use of sunscreen is also strongly encouraged.

The following is a summary of the uniform options:

Summer

Tartan Dress
Green shorts
Sports Skirt

Short sleeved Green or Yellow Polo Shirt

Green Bomber Jacket
Green Sleeveless Polar Fleece Vest

Green windcheater

Winter

Tartan Tunic
Green Tracksuit Pants
Long sleeved Green or Yellow Polo Shirt

Long sleeved Green or Yellow Skivvy

Long sleeved Green Rugby Top
Green Long Sleeved Polar Fleece Jacket

Green windcheater

Long sleeved Green or Yellow Polo Shirt

Green Trousers

Green Track Pants

Green Long Sleeved Polar Fleece Jacket

Long sleeved Green Rugby Top

Green windcheater

Additional parts of the Uniform include a School Bag, Rain jacket and Scrunchie.

Sports uniform (mainly for Years 3-6 inter-school sports event)

Short sleeved Green or Yellow Polo Shirt

Sports Shorts

Sports Skirt

Green Bomber Jacket

Green Windcheater

Green Rugby Top

Green Sleeveless Polar Fleece Vest

Green track pants

Bucket or Slouch Hat

Sports shoes