

# Student Dress Code & Uniform

## 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 encourage 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.
- 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 uniform items are as follows:

### **Shoes, socks & tights:**

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

We prefer socks to be black, grey or white and tights to be bottle green with winter uniform.

### **Hats:**

We are a Sunsmart School and have a 'Not Hat, No Play' policy.

### **Clothing items:**

Tartan dress

Green shorts

Sports skort

Short sleeved green or yellow polo shirt

Long sleeved green or yellow polo shirt

Long sleeved green or yellow skivvy

Green culotte

Winter tunic



Green trousers or track pants  
Green polar fleece jacket  
Green polar fleece vest  
Green rugby top  
Green interschool sports polo shirt  
Green broad brimmed hat

The full list of Auburn Primary School's school uniform items are available on the Dobson's website:

<https://dobsons.com.au/schools/auburn-primary-school/>

### **General appearance**

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, Auburn 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 (for example, thermal top) or over the top (for example, raincoat) the uniform for added warmth, preferably in school colours

### **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.

### **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, or when UV levels are 3 or above 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 Dobson's :

<https://dobsons.com.au/schools/auburn-primary-school/>

Auburn Primary School Parents' Association also operates a second-hand uniform store for parents. Please contact the school office for details.

### **Support for families experiencing difficulty**

Please contact a member of the Principal team 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/>

Auburn Primary School also has second hand uniforms available to families to borrow on request.

### **IMPLEMENTATION**

Auburn Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website and available on request at the school office. 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, this will be communicated with the student's parent/carer and the school will continue to work with the student and family to support compliance.

### **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

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 Complaint Policy*, available on the school website.

## COMMUNICATION

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

- Available publicly on our school's website
- Reminders in our school newsletter as required
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

## FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Auburn Primary School Sun Protection Policy
- Auburn Primary School Complaint 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](#).

## POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

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