

Donald Primary School

Student Dress Code



PURPOSE

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

Donald Primary School's compulsory school uniform items are as follows:

- Dress – made with material akin to Donald High School with collar.
- Gold polo shirt – Maroon Donald Primary School Logo
- Maroon Windcheater – Gold Donald Primary School Logo
- Navy or Grey Shorts or Navy Skort.
- Navy Pants, Navy or Grey Slacks with no Decal. No Jeans
- Shoes must be black/brown leather with enclosed toes or sneakers.
- Socks must be white, grey or black

All uniforms must ensure that the legs are covered to at least mid-thigh.

Grade 6 students are permitted to wear their Grade 6 polo and jumper and designed every year.

General appearance

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

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. Smart watches may be worn but students must adhere to the Mobile Device Policy.

Cosmetics may not be worn at school. Only clear nail polish is permitted.

Hair and Sun safety

Students are required to wear a broad brimmed maroon hat in Term 1, Term 3 (September) & Term 4. Sunscreen is provided to students.

Shoulder length or longer hair is to be tied back to help restrict the spread of nits and lice and for student safety.

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.

Students must have their shoulders covered at all times, this includes during swimming programs, camps & excursions and casual clothes days.

IMPLEMENTATION

Donald Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website and school newsletter. 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, 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.

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.

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

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