

# Dorset Primary School No.5132

## STUDENT DRESS CODE

### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to outline Dorset PS' 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 Dorset PS' School Council in 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 Dorset PS Student Dress Code (Student Dress Code) aims to provide a range of choices for students and be cost effective for families.

The Student Dress Code aims to:

- Foster a sense of community and belonging and encourages students to develop pride in their appearance
- Support Dorset PS' 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.

### **SCOPE**

Students are expected to comply with the Student Dress Code while traveling to and from school, during school hours and when attending school activities.

### **UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE**

Dorset PS' Student Dress Code has been developed with consideration to human rights and anti-discrimination requirements as well as health and safety considerations. The full list of Dorset PS' compulsory school uniform items are available at Appendix A to this policy.

#### **General appearance**

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, Dorset PS students must comply with the following:

- Uniforms must be clean and in good repair.
- Uniforms must be clearly marked with the owner's name.
- All footwear must be plain black and must have closed toes.
- 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. Jewellery of religious denomination may be worn.

Cosmetics (including makeup) are not permitted 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. Students may be asked to tie hair back if it is obscuring their face excessively, regardless of its length. In general, students are encouraged to avoid permanently dyeing or colouring their hair, though natural colours may be permitted. Students and families are encouraged to check with teachers, Assistant Principals or the Principal to determine if particular hair colouring is within the standards of the Student Dress Code.

School uniform hats must be worn outside from September-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. For further information, see Dorset PS' SunSmart Policy. Hats are not to be worn inside.

### **PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS**

Uniform items can be purchased from the Uniform Shop at school. Dorset PS also operates a second-hand uniform store for parents and carers.

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

Please contact the Principal 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**

Dorset PS will ensure that the Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through the school website, newsletter and FlexiBuzz. We will assist students who may be experiencing difficulties complying with this policy where possible.

Students wearing non-compliant uniform items will be given a day of grace and they will be expected to be wearing compliant uniform items the following day.

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

Measures taken by Dorset PS to address concerns about student non-compliance with the Student Dress Code will also be addressed in accordance with our Code of Conduct.

## **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/carers may apply in writing 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**

Dorset PS 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 *Complaint Policy*.

## **FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES**

- Dorset PS SunSmart Policy

## **REVIEW CYCLE**

This Student Dress Code was last approved by School Council in July 2019 and is scheduled for review in July 2020.



# DORSET PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENT DRESS CODE 2019



All items are available for purchase at the Uniform Shop or from Second-Hand Uniforms.  
Contact the Front Office for more information.

## All Year:

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### Tops

- Jade polo t-shirt (long sleeved or short sleeved) with school logo
- Senior school sport t-shirt (**Year 5/6 only**)

### Bottoms:

- Navy tracksuit pants (fleecy)
- Navy straight leg/bootleg pants
- Navy shorts- **basketball shorts are unacceptable**
- Additional options for girls:
  - Culottes
  - Navy tights (optional)

### Jumpers/Windcheaters:

- Navy windcheater
- Navy & jade bomber jacket
- Navy vest
- Year 6 jacket (**Year 6 only**)
- **Hooded tops are unacceptable.**

### Footwear:

- White, navy or black socks only
- Shoes – black school shoes or black runners. Brightly coloured designs and logos are not permitted.
- Children are permitted to change into non-black runners for school sport activities and P.E. lessons. Note that black shoes must be worn prior to and after sport sessions.

### Jewellery:

- Earrings – Plain studs in ears only or small sleepers. Large decorative shapes are not permitted
- Necklaces – non-religious and non-medical necklaces are not permitted
- Bracelets – non-religious and non-medical items are not permitted

### Hair:

- Coloured hair to be natural colours only.
- Inappropriate shaved hair patterns are not part of the school uniform.
- Hair longer than shoulders must be tied back
- Hair accessories must be plain navy or white only. Cheerleader-style bows are not permitted.
- Religious headwear and coverings are permitted.

### Cosmetics:

- Make-up is not permitted.

## Seasonal:

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- Hat (SunSmart) – plain navy wide brimmed with school logo.
- Beanie – Fully navy only.
- **Girls:**
  - School Summer Dress – blue/white and jade check.
  - Winter school navy skirt or pinafore. Worn with school polo
- Scarves (optional) – navy only.
- Rain Jacket (optional)

## Swimming:

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- **Girls:**
  - One-piece
  - Rash vest (if outside)
- **Boys:**
  - Shorts/Trunks/Speedo-style
  - Rash vest (if outside)

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Students who are not following the dress code will be given a day of grace and they will be expected to be wearing correct dress the following day. Talk to your child's teacher about the Student Dress Code for further information.