

Parkdale Primary School Uniform & Dress Code Policy



Rationale:

- A uniform dress code reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community, and assists in developing pride in representing their school. Issues of equality, health and safety, and expense are also factors that contribute to the establishment of the Dress Code.

Aims

- To promote equality amongst all students.
- To facilitate student safety.
- To further develop a sense of pride in, and identification with our school.
- To provide durable clothing that is cost effective and practical for our school environment.
- To maintain and enhance the positive image of the school in the community.

Implementation:

- The Dress Code applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when students are on school excursions.
- This Dress Code also applies to school sanctioned events outside of normal school hours including Grade 6 Graduation.
- At Graduation all graduating students wear a specially designed T-shirt, their own blue jeans and runners.
- Full school uniform must be worn on all excursions and activities where students are away from the school.
- Full school uniform must be worn whilst students are travelling to and from camp.
- Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, plus watches are the only acceptable jewellery.

- Extreme hair colours (e.g. green, pink or purple rinses) and/or extreme hairstyles (e.g. spikes or mohawks) are not permitted.
- For health and safety reasons and to assist with the control of head lice all children with shoulder length hair needs to be tied back.
- Other than clear nail polish, cosmetics may not be worn at school.
- The only headwear that is acceptable are SunSmart hats purchased at the school uniform shop and consistent with our SunSmart policy. They must be worn outside from September to the end of April.
- Grade 1-4 students should wear a school polo or a PPS sports polo when participating in weekly, year level sport.
- Grade 5/6 children must wear the Parkdale Primary School sports uniform when participating in interschool sport competitions.
- The PPS Sports Polo may also be worn on their dedicated Phys. Ed day.
- Prep children may wear their specialised Prep t-shirt on Fridays.
- The student Dress Code, including details of uniform items and places of purchase, will be published in the Prep Information Booklet.
- Arrangements can be made to supply uniforms via State Schools Relief for families experiencing economic hardship (see Principal/Office for further information)
- Parents seeking exemptions to the Dress Code due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability, health condition or economic hardship must apply in writing to the Principal.
- Uniform items purchased from other sources must reflect the style, colour and material of items available of the school uniform.
- Navy tights or leggings may be worn under winter/summer dresses.
- Bandanas are not part of the standard school uniform and are not permitted to be worn. Head bands should be limited to blue, black and white.
- Students must wear either a complete summer or winter uniform. I.e. Polo shirt over the top of long sleeve top is not in compliance with the policy.
- Suitable footwear such as runners, lace-up or buckled shoes or flat heeled pull-on boots are to be worn. Socks to be in keeping with school uniform colours. Open toed sandals are not to be worn (including on free dress days) for safety reasons.
- School Council requires the Principal to be responsible for the implementation of the Dress Code in a manner consistent with the Student Code of Conduct.

This policy was ratified by School Council in February 2018.