



Old Orchard Primary School

Student Dress Code Policy

Purpose

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Old Orchard 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 Old Orchard 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 Example 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.

It is required that all students at Old Orchard Primary School wear the school uniform. The school uniform includes a range of garments in the colours of navy, jade and white.

- All polo tops and windcheaters should be printed with the appropriate school logo and will be in the colours of navy, jade or white.
- A summer of winter school dress is available in the school colours.
- If bike pants are to be worn under the school dress then they should be navy in colour and not able to be seen below the school dress.
- All shorts and trousers will be in the colour of navy blue.



- An optional windcheater/ rugby top will be available for Year 6 students. As this is a special year 6 alternative, it is expected that students in any other year level do not wear the windcheater / rugby top.
- Sneakers, black leather shoes, elastic sided boots are acceptable footwear options.
- Socks should be white or navy in colour.
- Navy stockings or leggings may be worn under school dresses and skorts.
- The wearing of sunhats is compulsory in term 1 until the 30th April and term 4 until mid August. They should be navy blue wide brimmed, bucket or legionnaire hats.
- A sports uniform is available in school colours for Years 3 – 6.
- Hair that is shoulder length or longer should be tied back and all hair accessories should be in the school colours of navy, jade, white or black.
- 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.

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.

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 at school, or parents may order it directly from Klad Sports.

The Old Orchard Primary School office also operates a second-hand uniform store for parents.



Support for families experiencing difficulty

Please contact the Principal, Assistant 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/>

Old Orchard Primary School also has uniforms available to families to borrow on request.

Implementation

Old Orchard 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.

Concerns about this Student Dress Code

Old Orchard 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*.

Further Information and Resources

- Department of Education and Training [Student Dress Code](#)
- Department of Education and Training [Student Engagement policies and guidelines](#).

Review Cycle and Evaluation

This policy was last updated - July 2021

Consultation – School council was consulted in developing this policy

Approved – By School Council July 2021.

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