

STUDENT DRESS CODE



Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact the school administration office.

PURPOSE

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

The full list of Carnegie Primary School's 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, Carnegie Primary School students must comply with the following:

- Uniforms should be clean and in good repair
- Uniforms must be clearly marked with the owner's name

Jewellery and cosmetics

For safety reasons, 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. Other than clear nail polish, cosmetics may not be worn at school.

Hair and Sun safety

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

School uniform hats must be worn outside until the end of April and from mid-August. 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 and staff 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.

Cold Weather Precautions

On cold days, children may wear their choice of coats, hats or scarves whilst outside. Such items are not part of the school uniform and are not to be worn inside.

PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS

- Uniform items can be purchased directly from the PSW (Primary School Wear) store in Ormond. The address is 1/596 North Rd, Ormond 3204. The phone number is (03) 9768 0387 , website, www.psw.com.au
- Carnegie Primary School Parents & Friends Association also operates a second-hand uniform stall for families. Details of open times and dates are published in the School Newsletter and on Compass. Donations of uniform items in good condition are also sought, in order to be able to provide this service to our community.

Support for families experiencing difficulty

Please contact the 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/>

IMPLEMENTATION

Carnegie Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website and 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 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

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

Carnegie 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
- Discussed in student forums
- Discussed at staff briefings/meetings as required
- Included in transition and enrolment packs
- Discussed at parent information nights/sessions

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Carnegie Primary School Parent Complaint Policy
- Carnegie 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

Policy last reviewed	November 2023
Consultation	Senior school students years 4 - 6, October 2023 School councillors, November 2023

Approved by	School Council
Next scheduled review date	November 2026

NOTE: The Department's Student Dress Code policy requires School Councils to decide annually whether or not amendments or a full review of the dress code is required.

APPENDIX A: CARNEGIE PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM ITEMS

Jumpers or Vests

Navy blue bomber jacket - school logo preferred

Navy blue windcheater - school logo preferred

Wool blend jumper – school logo preferred

Tops

Gold or navy blue T-shirt - school emblem preferred

Gold or navy blue polo shirt long or short sleeved- school emblem preferred

Gold or navy blue skivvies

House coloured t-shirts are available and can be worn particularly during sport and PE activities

Skorts

Navy skort without decoration or brand name

Headwear

Navy blue / yellow headbands, hair ribbons, “scrunchies” or headwear worn as part of cultural/religious beliefs. Elastic Bands used to tie up hair may be worn in any colour.

Dresses

Navy, white, gold check dress

Navy blue tunic

Shorts

Plain navy blue shorts without decoration or brand name

Pants

Plain, navy blue track pants without decoration or brand name

Navy leggings without decoration or brand name

Hats – to be worn during Sunsmart period dates advertised via newsletter

Navy broadbrim or legionnaire's hat with school logo

Footwear

Appropriate footwear is to be worn. Closed toe shoes must be worn at all times. No thongs, gumboots, sandals, crocs or heeled shoes are to be worn. Thongs may be worn to and from the pool during the swimming lesson program. Navy, white or grey socks are preferable but not compulsory.

Sports uniform, year 5/6 interschool sport

Swimming caps in house colours, with the school logo may be purchased from the PFA prior to the swimming program

There are specific uniform requirements for students participating in senior sports.

Depending on the sport, uniform items are supplied for the duration of the sports season.

They need to be cleaned and returned to school at the end of the season in good condition

Year 5/6 students may purchase sport tops to be worn for interschool and school sporting events.

Monogrammed Year 6 garments are organised for Year 6 students each year

Accessories

Backpack style school bag with logo