

Kingsville Primary School Student Dress Code Policy



Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand this policy, please contact our school office via email: kingsville.ps@education.vic.gov.au or phone: (03)9314 5869

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Kingsville 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 Kingsville 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 and strengthen the spirit of community and belonging and encourages students to develop pride in their appearance
- support Kingsville Primary School's commitment to ensuring that our students feel equal and are dressed safely and appropriately for school activities
- enhance individual student safety and group security
- reduce student competition and bullying 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 this Student Dress Code while traveling to and from school, during school hours and when attending school activities.

UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE

Kingsville Primary School uniform items are as follows and may be worn all year round with either the summer or winter uniform:

- Red short sleeve polo with red collar (PWS)
- Red long sleeve polo (PWS)
- Navy polar fleece vest (PWS)
- Red or navy bomber jacket (PWS)
- Red or navy windcheater (PWS)
- A-Line summer dress (PWS)
- Skort (PWS)
- Tunic with detachable bib (PWS)
- Navy shorts (PWS)

- Navy pants (PWS)
- Navy skort/skirt (PWS)
- Navy tights
- Red long sleeve top (PWS)
- Navy legionnaire hat and/or navy slouch hat (PWS)
- Navy raincoat
- White or navy socks
- Footwear: black or brown school shoes, pull-on boots or runners are permitted
- Navy school bag

General appearance

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

- Uniforms must be clean and in good repair
- Uniforms should be clearly marked with the owner's name
- Additional layers of clothing may be worn underneath the uniform for added warmth
- Studs, sleepers and watches are the only acceptable jewellery
- Any nail polish must be natural/neutral tones only

Religious and Cultural requirements:

- To accommodate students who may wish to observe particular religious and cultural requirements, whilst also complying with student dress code, head coverings and longer sleeves or skirts may be worn without need for students/families to seek an exemption.
- Students who wear braids or locks will have the option to wear them loose unless a specific safety concern applies, for example in applied technology classes.

All Gender Option, Trans and Gender Diverse Students:

Kingsville Primary School will take reasonable steps to eliminate discrimination on the basis of sex, gender and sexuality and will support students who want to affirm their gender identity at school. This may include, wearing the appropriate uniform that reflects the gender identity of the student. As such, student dress codes will ensure that they are able to wear uniform items they feel comfortable wearing to school.

Trans and gender diverse students will be given flexible, inclusive uniform options as a step in preventing discrimination on the basis of gender identity. Further information may be found on the department's [LGBTIQA+ Student Support policy](#).

Health and safety

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

Jewellery, nails, hair accessories and similar items that interfere with students' ability to engage with school activities safely and fully are not permitted.

School uniform hats must be worn outside from 1 September 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.

PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS

Uniform items can be purchased from PSW School Uniforms, Unit 2/51-53 Westwood Dr, Ravenhall VIC 3023, or parents may order it directly from <https://www.psw.com.au>

Alternatively, to assist families with affordability of uniform costs parents/carers may choose to purchase school uniform items from other retail outlets that meet the requirements of Kingsville Primary School.

Kingsville Primary School Parents' Club also operates a second-hand uniform store for parents. Dates for these events are advertised via Compass and posters displayed around the school

The School Council has considered affordability in the development of this dress code. However, if you are facing difficulty meeting uniform costs the [Help with school costs and fees](#) page provides advice on support offered by the Victorian Government. If your child is starting in Foundation or Year 7 and is eligible to receive support via the [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund](#), you may be eligible to access the Affordable School Uniform (ASU) program.

Please contact the principal to discuss support that we may be able to provide.

IMPLEMENTATION

Kingsville Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website, newsletters and Compass. We will assist students who may be experiencing difficulties complying with this policy where possible.

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.

Measures taken by Kingsville Primary School to address concerns about student non-compliance with the Student Dress Code will also be addressed in accordance with our Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy.

EXEMPTIONS TO STUDENT DRESS CODE

We acknowledge that there might be instances where the enforcement of this dress code could impact students differently.

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 financial 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

Kingsville 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.

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
- Included in staff handbook/manual
- Discussed at staff briefings/meetings as required
- Included in transition and enrolment packs
- Discussed at parent information nights/sessions
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Kingsville Primary School Sunsmart Policy
- Kingsville Primary School Parent Complaint Policy
- Kingsville 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](#).

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