



UNIFORM POLICY

Purpose

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Officer 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 Officer 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.

Aim

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

Implementation

- Students are expected to comply with this Student Dress Code while travelling to and from school, during school hours and when attending school activities.
- Officer Primary School uniform is available through Primary School Wear located at 407 Princes Highway, Officer 3809.
- Good quality second-hand uniform will also be available through the school.
- Regulation hats are to be worn in terms 1 and 4 in line with the Sunsmart Policy. Hats are not to be worn inside.
- On 'free dress' days the dress code applies in relation to sunsmart and safety (shoes and hair).
- Appropriate donations (if applicable) are required on free dress days or the child will be out of uniform.
- School house shirts (with house name) may be worn on Fridays and for house sporting activities, but not for interschool sport or excursions.
- Parents seeking exemptions to the dress code for any reason (including religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability, health condition or economic hardship) must apply in writing to School Council.
- Parents are required to send a note to the class teacher if their child is out of uniform.
- If no note is written, parents will be advised of the uniform infringement, with logical and realistic consequences being enforced at school.
- All children are expected to attend school in a clean, well maintained uniform and keep a high level of personal hygiene.
- Officer 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

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 School's Relief. Further information about State School's Relief is also available on their website: <https://www.ssr.net.au>

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 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 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

Officer Primary School welcomes feedback from the school community in relation to this Student Dress Code. If you have any 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

- Officer Primary Sunsmart Policy
- Officer Primary Parent Complaint Policy
- Officer Primary Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy
- Department of Education and Training- Student Dress Code
- Department of Education and Training- Student Engagement policies and guidelines

Evaluation

- This policy will be reviewed as part of the schools 3 year cyclic review process.



DRESS CODE

FOOTWEAR

- Black leather school shoes or pull on boots.
- Running shoes which are sound, sensible and safe (predominantly black or white).
- Gum boots may be worn in terms 2 and 3 if they are accompanied with appropriate indoor shoes.

PANTS No denim is acceptable

- Plain coloured royal blue track pants or gabardine trousers
- Plain coloured royal blue gabardine trousers
- Plain coloured royal blue bootleg pants

SHORTS/SKORTS/SKIRTS No netball skirts are acceptable

- Plain coloured royal blue shorts in interlock, gabardine or lightweight 'board short' material (must be plain coloured royal blue)
Plain coloured royal blue skorts.
- Plain coloured royal blue bike shorts may be worn under school dresses but must be shorter than the dress.

DRESSES No tights or leggings are to be worn with the check school dress

- Blue and white check school dress with no underclothing showing.
- Pleated 'Officer' check pinafore

TIGHTS/SOCKS

- Plain white, black or navy sock
- Navy Blue tights may be worn with the pinafore, but not with the check summer dress

SHIRTS/JUMPERS

- Royal blue items which **must carry the Officer Primary School logo**
 - Short sleeved polo shirt
 - Long sleeved polo shirt
 - Windcheater
- Royal blue bomber jacket which carries the Officer Primary School logo
- Royal blue polar fleece jacket which carries the Officer Primary School logo
- Plain Royal blue or white skivvies may be worn during terms 2 and 3
- House polo shirts (with house name) may be worn on Fridays and for other house sport activities but not when attending interschool sport or excursions.

Year Six

- Students may wear the approved Year 6 jacket, polo or windcheater at any time.

HAIR

- Shoulder length or longer hair is to be tied back to help restrict the spread of nits and lice and for student safety.
- Neat and presentable hair is expected.
- No students may have extremes of hair in fashion, length, style or colour.

Hair Decorations

- Hair ties, ribbons, scrunchies or headbands are to be either royal blue, white or black.

HEADWEAR

- Royal blue surf, bucket or wide brimmed hat must be worn during terms 1 and 4. The brim must be no less than 6cm.
- Plain coloured royal blue, black or white beanies may be worn during terms 2 and 3
- 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

ACCESSORIES

Jewellery

- Stud earrings or sleepers worn in the ears are the only earrings which may be worn.
- Watches can be worn at any time.
- Religious jewellery eg crosses, are acceptable but must be worn under clothing.
- Medical alert jewellery must be worn at all times.
- While facial piercings are discouraged, these must be clear, uncoloured plastic. Any other type, e.g. metal, will be removed or covered (taped).
- **NO OTHER JEWELLERY IS PERMITTED**

Make Up / Nail Polish / Body Art

- Clear nail varnish only may be worn.
- Make up (mascara, lipstick etc) is not permitted.
- Tattoo transfers and glitter are not permitted at school.

Scarves

- Plain coloured scarves may be worn during terms 2 and 3. The preferred colour of a scarf is black, white, royal or navy blue.

Coats

- The preferred colour of a winter coat is black, white, or royal blue.

School Bags

- Any school bag of suitable size is acceptable.

Breach of Uniform

All students of Officer Primary School are required to wear school uniform. The wearing of school uniform promotes a sense of pride in our school as well as self-discipline. All children wearing non-uniform garments require a note from a parent/guardian.

Your child _____ of grade _____

was not wearing correct uniform on _____ as follows:

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|--|--------------------------|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pants | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Dress | <input type="checkbox"/> Windcheater/shirt |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tights/socks | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Shorts/Skorts | <input type="checkbox"/> Beanie/scarf |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shoes | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Incorrect hat | <input type="checkbox"/> No hat |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hair or accessories | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Incorrect jewellery | <input type="checkbox"/> Nail Polish |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Makeup/Tattoos | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |

The following disciplinary action may be taken with any student not wearing correct school uniform:

1. Children not wearing hats, or wearing incorrect hats, will be required to stay under the oak tree near the staff room.
2. Children not in full school uniform (including hats/shoes) will not be permitted to attend school excursions. A refund will be not available.
3. Failure to wear correct uniform will result in a Breach of Uniform slip. If the form is not signed and returned the next day, it will result in the child having Time Out.
4. Students wearing inappropriate make-up or jewellery will be asked to remove it. Jewellery will be retained by the school office for collection by the student after school.

Parents who have problems adhering to this policy are invited to contact the office to make an appointment to speak with the Principal.

Please sign the form below & return to school tomorrow.

Breach of Uniform Return Slip

Child's name: _____ Grade: _____

I am aware that my child was in breach of the school uniform dress code on _____

Signed Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____