



## Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact Officer Primary School on 03 5943 2315

## 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.

The Student Dress Code aims to:

- 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.

## 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

Officer Primary School's compulsory school uniform items are as follows

### Footwear

Black leather school shoes or black pull on boots

Running shoes which are sound, sensible and safe. These shoes must be predominantly black or white

### Pants/Shorts/Skorts

Royal blue rugby shorts

Royal blue skort (netball skirts are not acceptable)

Royal blue trackpants

Royal blue bootleg pants

### Dresses

A-line blue and white gingham check summer dress (royal blue bike shorts may be worn under the dress however they must be shorter than the dress. No other pants, tights or leggings are to be worn)

Knife pleat tunic (navy blue or black tights and royal blue or navy blue skivvy or long sleeve top to be worn under tunic. No other pants or leggings are to be worn)

### Tights/Socks

Navy blue, black or white plain coloured socks, no writing or logos to be showing

Navy blue or black tights can be worn under the tunic only

### Shirts/Jumpers

Royal blue polo shirt with Officer Primary School logo

House colour polo shirt with Officer Primary School logo (only to be worn on Fridays and House sports days)

Royal blue long sleeve polo shirt with Officer Primary School logo

Royal blue crew neck windcheater with Officer Primary School logo

Royal blue polar fleece jacket with Officer Primary School logo

Royal blue bomber jacket with Officer Primary School logo

Year 6 students may wear the approved Year 6 uniform

### Hats

Royal blue safety slouch hat with Officer Primary School logo

Royal blue bucket hat with Officer Primary School logo

Hats are to be worn at all times when outside during Terms 1 and 4. Please refer to the Officer Primary School Sunsmart Policy for more information

### 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. Hair must be natural colours only, no extreme colours are acceptable

Hair ties, ribbons, scrunchies, clips and headbands are to be either royal blue, black or white



## UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE CONTINUED

### **Accessories**

#### Jewellery

Stud earrings or sleepers are the only earrings to be worn

Facial piercings are not permitted

Watches can be worn at any time

Smart watches with internet connectivity and the ability to make and receive phone calls or SMS must be handed into the Office before school and collected at the end of the day

Religious jewellery e.g. crosses, are acceptable but must be worn under clothing

Medical alert jewellery must be worn at all times

**No other jewellery is permitted**

#### Makeup/Nail Polish/Body Art

Clear nail polish only may be worn

Makeup is not permitted

Tattoo transfers and glitter are not permitted

#### Scarves

Plain coloured royal blue, navy blue or white scarves can be worn

#### Coats

The preferred colour of a winter coat is royal or navy blue, however students can wear a coat of any colour. Coats are only to be worn outdoors

#### School Bags

Any school bag of suitable size is acceptable, however school bags with an Officer Primary School logo are available to purchase and are recommended

### **PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS**

Uniform items can be purchased from PSW Officer

407 Old Princes Highway Officer

Phone 9768 0382

Website: <https://www.psw.com.au/schools/officer-primary-school.html>

Officer Primary School also has a selection of second hand uniform available to purchase.

### **Support for families experiencing difficulty**

Please contact the Principal or Julie Barrow 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**

Officer Primary School 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. Measures taken by Officer 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 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 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 from the Office.



## FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

Officer Primary School Sunsmart Policy

Officer Primary School Parent Complaint Policy

Officer 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

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