



DOREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Student Dress Code Policy

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Doreen 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 Doreen 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 Doreen 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 Doreen 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, Doreen Primary School students must comply with the following:

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

Jewellery and cosmetics

Students are encouraged not to wear decorative jewellery to school. Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, and watches, are the only acceptable jewellery.

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 till end of April each year. School uniform hats may also be worn outside of this time period, by parent or student choice.

PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS

Uniform items can be purchased from Doreen Primary School at school, or parents may order it directly from a store of their choice (providing they choose school colours)

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

IMPLEMENTATION

Doreen 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.

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 Doreen 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.

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Doreen Primary School Sunsmart Policy
- Doreen Primary School Parent Complaint Policy
- Doreen Primary School Student Engagement Policy
- Department of Education and Training [Student Dress Code](#)
- Department of Education and Training [Student Engagement policies and guidelines](#).

REVIEW CYCLE

This policy was last ratified by School Council on 4th March, 2021

APPENDIX A: DOREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM ITEMS

All year round

The following items may be worn all year round:

Jumper or Hoodie

Navy with or without school logo

Polo shirts

Navy with or without school logo

Skivvies

Plain navy or white skivvy

Pants

Plain, navy blue track pants without decoration (no denim)

Shorts

Plain, navy blue without decoration (no denim)

Skorts

Plain navy skorts without decoration can be worn with navy blue or white tights/stockings.

School Dress

Navy Gingham can be worn with navy blue or white tights/stockings/leggings.

Socks or tights/stockings

Navy blue or white socks

Navy blue or white tights/stockings

Footwear

Appropriate footwear is to be worn. Summer sandals with covered toes, black or brown school shoes or pull on school boots or runners are permitted. No thongs or open-toed sandals are permitted.

School Rain Coat (Optional Item)

Navy Blue coat with or without school logo

Headwear

Navy blue, or white head bands, 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.

Summer Uniform – to be worn in Terms 1 and 4

Sun hat

Navy wide brimmed sun hat with or without school logo

Doreen Primary School requires all students to be in full school uniform with school logo whilst attending excursions/outside school activities eg sport.