

Reservoir Views Primary School Student Dress Code



Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact the office on 9460-6995.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Reservoir Views 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 Reservoir Views 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 Reservoir Views 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 during school hours and when attending school activities.

UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE

The full list of Reservoir Views Primary School's compulsory school uniform items are available at Appendix A to this policy.

General appearance

While at school or participating in school activities uniforms must be clean and in good repair. Additional layers of clothing may be worn underneath the uniform for added warmth. Warm winter jackets/rain jackets may be worn.

Shoes

It is required that students wear enclosed shoes for safety reasons.

Jewellery and cosmetics

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.

Cosmetics may not be worn at school.

False/Fake nails are not allowed.

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 1st September to 30th 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

PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS

The majority of uniform items (besides shorts, skorts, skivvies and pants) can be purchased from the office at school.

Reservoir Views Primary School's Parents and Friends Association also operates a second-hand uniform store for parents. Please contact the office for information about this.

Support for families experiencing difficulty

Please contact the Principal or Assistant 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

Reservoir Views Primary School's will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website and annual updates in the school newsletter. We will assist students who may be experiencing difficulties complying with this policy where possible.

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

Reservoir Views 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 our 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
- Included in staff handbook/manual
- Discussed at staff briefings/meetings as required
- Included in transition and enrolment packs
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Sunsmart Policy
- Parent Complaint Policy
- 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	10/05/2023
Consultation	School council
Approved by	School Council
Next scheduled review date	May 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: RESERVOIR VIEWS PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM ITEMS

V neck jumper or Bomber Jacket

Dark maroon with school logo

Polo shirts

Sky blue long and short sleeved with school logo.

Skorts

Plain navy blue skorts without decoration or brand name

Tights/stockings/skivvies

Navy blue tights/stockings

Sky blue plain skivvie

Knee pleat dress

Navy, maroon and white

Shorts and Pants

Plain navy blue shorts without decoration or brand name

Plain Navy blue trackpants or straight leg pants

School bags

Explorer school bag (maroon/sky)

Primary Pete bookbag (maroon)

Hats – to be worn from 1st September to 30th April

Maroon broadbrim slouch hat with school logo embroidered