



Dress Code - Students



Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact the school on 9687 1535

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Footscray West Primary School's (FWPS) 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 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 FWPS'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 travelling to and from school, at school and when attending school activities (unless otherwise specified).

UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE

The full list of FWPS'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, FWPS students must wear school uniform. Uniforms must be clearly marked with the owner's name. Additional layers of clothing may be worn underneath the uniform for added warmth.

Jewellery and cosmetics

Small stud earrings and small sleepers worn in the ears are acceptable plus other small items of jewellery that do not pose a safety risk to the owner or another person.

Cosmetics may not be worn at school.

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 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.

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.

PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS

Uniform items can be purchased from PSW at, 2/51-53 Westwood Drive Ravenhall. Victoria 3023, 03 97680342 or parents may order it directly from PSW online <https://www.psw.com.au/>

FWPS Parents' Association also operates a second-hand uniform store for parents. Contact the school for opening hours

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

FWPS 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 a note should be provided by the parent/carer.

If non-compliance with the dress code becomes a continued occurrence, the Principal will be informed and a phone call home may be required.

Measures taken by FWPS 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. The school will continue to work with the student and family to support compliance.

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.

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.

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

FWPS 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 Concerns and *Complaints Policy*, available on the school's website at <https://www.fwps.vic.edu.au/>

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- FWPS Sunsmart Policy
- FWPS Concerns and Complaints Policy
- FWPS 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

The school council will decide annually whether or not amendments or a full review of the dress code is required. If a full review is taking place consultation will take place in line with department guidelines.

Policy last reviewed	June 2021
Consultation	Policy and Planning sub-committee of school council
Approved by	School Council
Next scheduled review date	2024

APPENDIX A:

The school colours for Footscray West Primary School are bottle green and gold.

The FWPS uniform consists of:

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DETAIL</u>
Polo shirt	gold short sleeve with school logo
	gold long sleeve with school logo
Rugby Jumper	green with gold stripe collar & school logo
Bomber Jacket	green studded with striped gold ribbing & school logo
Track pants	green fleecy double-knee
Bootleg pants	green summer weight (cotton elastane)
	green winter weight (polyester)
Cargo pants	green elastic waist pants with multiple pockets
Unisex shorts	green elastic waist
Skort	green with attached inside bike shorts
Summer dress	green/gold & white check
Winter tunic	green gold check princess line pinafore
Broad brim hat	green
Bucket hat	green
School Bag	green with gold school logo (OPTIONAL)

A special t-shirt will be offered each year to Grade 6 students.

Recommended footwear:

- Sport safe footwear i.e lace-up shoes or traditional runners (not backless)
- Sandals with closed in toes and back straps

Jewellery:

- All jewellery to be small and discreet and deemed safe by staff for school activities.

Other suitable items:

- clothing that is homemade or bought from other sources in dress code colours
- school dress – green and white check
- plain green pants
- plain leggings / tights (green) worn under skirts/shorts or skorts
- plain tunic (green)
- plain green bike pants (not longer than the skirt/dress)
- head scarf / hijab (plain green)
- crew-neck jumper (green)
- vest (green)
- beanie (green)
- an approved Sunsmart hat (green) worn while outdoors from September to the end of April.

(students not wearing their hat will be asked to sit out the play period in designated areas)