



Drysedale Primary School

SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

PURPOSE

Drysedale Primary School's School Uniform Policy outlines the requirements for student dress and appearance and provides information regarding School Uniform implementation, supply, support and exemption processes.

The Drysedale Primary School Uniform has been developed by the School Council in consultation with students, parents and carers and Drysedale Primary School staff. It provides a range of choices for students, is cost effective and is separate to any links with local sporting organisations. All items selected are available in a broad range of child, youth and adult sizes.

Adhering to the Drysedale Primary School Uniform policy assists in fostering a sense of community and belonging within the school environment, encourages students to take pride in their appearance, ensures students feel equal and are dressed safely and appropriately and enhances the profile and reputation of Drysedale Primary School in the wider community.

SCOPE

All Students must comply with the School Uniform Policy while traveling to and from school, during school hours and when attending onsite or at external school activities (unless specifically notified otherwise e.g. for school camps).

UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE

Drysedale Primary School Uniforms are based on the colours of brown (dark) and gold. The official Drysedale Primary School uniform items can be purchased through the official uniform supplier:

Noone School Uniforms

Ph: 03 5221 9199

E: bellarine@noone.com.au

Price List: www.noone.com.au/school/drysdale-primary-school

The approved uniform consists of the items listed below. Any uniform item not purchased through the official supplier must be non branded items and adhere to the colour requirements.

Items	Colour
Short/Long Sleeve Polo	Gold with Brown side panels and DPS logo
Skivvies	Gold
Softshell Jacket	Brown with Gold piping and DPS logo
¼ Zip Windcheater	Brown with Gold piping and DPS logo
Hooded Jumper	Brown with Gold side panels and DPS logo

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Summer Dress	Brown/Gold Check
Tunic/Pinafore	Brown/Gold Check
Skort	Brown
Shorts (formal and microfibre)	Brown
Trousers/Trackpants	Brown
Tights/Leggings	Brown
Bucket Hat	Brown with DPS logo
Slouch Hat	Gold with DPS logo
Beanie	Gold/Brown with DPS name
House Shirt	House dependent
Beanie	Gold/Brown with DPS name
School Bag	Brown with Gold piping and DPS logo
Scarf	Gold/Brown with DPS logo

It is compulsory for all students from Prep to Year 6 to wear School Uniform as outlined above. Year 6 students are permitted to wear official Year 6 items in addition to items listed above. No other fashion garment or branded item is permitted to be worn during school hours (including any sporting club items).

Students are not permitted to wear decorative jewellery (excluding stud or sleeper earrings or non-smart watches) or cosmetics (excluding clear nail polish).

All students are to wear suitable, safe, closed in footwear which allows them to participate in the full range of school activities. There is no colour requirement for footwear or socks.

All students must have a functional school bag, with their name clearly marked on it. While not compulsory, Drysdale Primary School highly recommends the official Drysdale Primary School bag available through the official Uniform supplier.

Broad brimmed sun hats are compulsory in Terms 1 and 4, as per the [DPS SunSafe Policy 2021](#). School uniform hats may be worn outside of this time period, by parent or student choice.

Hair should be clean, neat and tidy at all times. Hair longer than shoulder length should be kept tied back at all times. No hair sprays, coloured rinses are to be sprayed onto hair (unless temporary and with prior approval).

Students may wear religious headwear, such as a hijab or kippah. However Drysdale Primary School highly recommends these are in the school colours.

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A second hand uniform shop is operated by the Drysdale Primary School Parents and Friends Group. It is available on Drysdale Primary School premises and is available to parents and students on a weekly basis. Items are sold on a minimal profit basis. Items include both new and used current and past approved Drysdale Primary School uniform items.

Families experiencing financial hardship and experiencing difficulty in meeting uniform costs should contact the Drysdale Primary School Principal to discuss their situation. Families may be eligible for uniform purchase support through the State School's Relief, <https://stateschoolrelief.org.au>.

IMPLEMENTATION

Drysdale Primary School will ensure the School Uniform Policy is communicated to all families and students through the Drysdale Primary School website, Sentral Parents Portal and provided to all newly enrolled students.

Drysdale Primary School will assist students and families who may be experiencing difficulty in complying with this policy where possible.

Any student wearing any item of clothing not in adherence to this policy, or items featuring rude or offensive images or wording, will either be sent home to change or required to replace items through the second hand uniform shop.

Transition to this new School Uniform Policy will take place over period of two years. Full compliance with this Policy will be enforced from Term 1 2024 onwards.

EXEMPTIONS

Drysdale Primary School recognise there may be situations where the application of this policy 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 School Uniform policy if:

- an aspect of this policy prevents the student from complying with a requirement of their religious, ethnic or cultural beliefs or background, or
- the student has a 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,
- explain the process to the student and/or their family/carer, and

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- encourage the student and/or their family/carer to support their application with evidence.

The Principal or their 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 family/carer.

REVIEW

This policy will be reviewed every two years. The review will include input from students, parents/carers and the school community.

School Principal: Phil Dunlop-Moore

Date of last review: May 2022

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