



Student Dress Code Policy



Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy, or require it in an alternative format, please contact our school administration team.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Streeton 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 Streeton Primary 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 Streeton 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

Our uniform items and appearance requirements meet human rights and anti-discrimination requirements as well as health and safety considerations.

Dress codes with gender specific requirements are not mandated at Streeton primary School and options are given to all students irrespective of their gender.

At Streeton cultural or religious headwear can be included as part of the ordinary school uniform. For an example of the inclusion of headwear in the list of uniform items, see Appendix A.

The full list of Streeeton 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, Streeeton 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
- Additional layers of clothing may be worn underneath the uniform for added warmth, provided these undergarments are completely hidden.

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.

Watches are not to be Smartwatches with built-in camera and/or video function.

Cosmetics may not be worn at school. Cosmetics include makeup applied to the face and nail polish.

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 Spring - Autumn. As well as 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 (Primary School Wear) directly at:
<http://www.psw.com.au/>

A limited amount of second-hand uniform is available from the school administration office.

Support for families experiencing difficulty

Please contact the Principal or administration staff 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/>

Streeeton Primary School also has uniforms available to families to borrow on request.

IMPLEMENTATION

Streeton Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website and the newsletter. We 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/carers 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 Streeton 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.

The Department's policy on Student Dress Codes requires the Principal or delegate to provide written reasons when not allowing an exemption. It also states that the Principal is responsible for

managing and conducting the exemption process. In exceptional circumstances another staff member at the school or regional office may be appointed to consider an exemption request.

CONCERNS ABOUT THIS STUDENT DRESS CODE

Streeton 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 *Complaints Policy*.

COMMUNICATION

This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways:

- Available publicly on our school's website
- Included in staff induction processes
- Included in staff handbook/manual
- Included in transition and enrolment packs
- Reminders in our school newsletter
- Discussed in student forums
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Streeton Primary School Sun Protection Policy
- Streeton Primary School Complaints Policy
- Streeton 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

Policy last reviewed	04/12/2023
Consultation	Consultation with School Council is mandatory –11/12/2023 Other Consultation – Families within the community via our newsletter Staff via staff meetings
Approved by	Principal and School Council
Next scheduled review date	Review cycle for this policy is 3 to 4 years –November 2027

APPENDIX A: STREETON PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM ITEMS

All year round

The following items may be worn all year round, with either the summer or winter uniform:

Jumper or Jackets

Bottle green windcheater, bomber jacket or polar fleece with or without school logo

Polo shirts

Lemon or green long and short sleeved with or without school logo.

Skorts

Plain bottle green skorts without decoration or brand name and in winter can be worn with bottle green or black tights/stockings or leggings. Leggings must not be worn without a garment over the top.

Socks or tights/stockings

Sock colour – green, white, black, blue – Not brightly coloured and patterned

Bottle green tights/stockings

Black tights/stockings

Footwear

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

School Rain Coat (Optional Item)

Bottle green coat with or without school logo.

If a student does not have a bottle green coat parents/carers may choose an appropriate coat at their discretion.

Outerwear

Winter items such as gloves, beanies etc... are at the discretion of the parent/carer.

Headwear

Bottle green and/or lemon 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

Dresses

Green, yellow and white check dress with collar and button front.

Shorts

Bottle green shorts without decoration or brand name

Winter Uniform – to be worn in Term 2 and 3**Pants**

Bottle green trousers or track pants without decoration or brand name.

Skivvies

Plain bottle green or lemon skivvy

Pinafore

Bottle green

Hats – to be worn from mid-August to 30 April

Bottle green broad brim without decoration or brand name, with or without logo

Bottle green bucket hat, with or without logo

Bottle green legionnaires hat, with or without logo

Sports uniform

Lemon or green long and short sleeved with or without school logo with bottle green shorts/skirt/skort.

There are specific uniform requirements for students participating in specialist sports such as interschool sports for Years 5 and 6. These uniforms may be purchased from the school in the year prior to attending interschool sports.

Green and gold 'Streeton' polo top with bottle green shorts/skirt/skort.