



## PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Coburg 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 Coburg 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.

A uniform dress code reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community, and assists in developing pride in representing their school. Issues of equality, health and safety, and expense are also factors that underpin the establishment of the Dress Code.

The Student Dress Code aims to:

- foster a sense of community and belonging and encourage students to develop pride in their appearance.
- support Coburg 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.

## 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 unless otherwise notified by the school.

## UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE

### General appearance

Unless otherwise advised, while at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, Coburg Primary School students must comply with the following:

- Uniforms should be clean and in good repair.
- Uniforms should 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 hidden.

### Jewellery and cosmetics

- Stud earrings, small sleepers and watches and inconspicuous religious Jewellery are recommended as the only acceptable Jewellery.
- Other than clear nail polish, cosmetics may not be worn at school.

## **Hair**

- Shoulder length or longer hair is to be tied back to help restrict the spread of nits and lice and for student safety.
- Extreme hair colours and/or extreme hairstyles are not permitted.
- The only hats that are acceptable are SunSmart hats consistent with our SunSmart policy. Caps are not acceptable.
- Religious scarves are acceptable, however these should be black, white or red to fit in with the uniform colours.

## **Sun Safety**

- Hats must be worn outside from September 1st to the end of April, and whenever UV levels reach 3 and above. If a child does not wear a hat during the summer months, they will be required to sit in a designated shade area.
- 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**

- Uniforms can be purchased from A Plus School Wear: [www.aplusschoolwear.com.au](http://www.aplusschoolwear.com.au). See Appendix A for a list of these items.
- Generic uniform items can be purchased from other stores such as Kmart, Target, etc.. See Appendix A for a list of these items.
- Coburg Primary School is pleased to accept second hand uniform items in good condition. These will be used for emergency situations where clothing is needed or when the Principal determines that a family requires assistance. They will also be available for purchase.

## **Support for families experiencing difficulty**

Please contact the Principal or Business Manager 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**

Coburg Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website, the Parent Handbook and newsletter. 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, parents will be contacted. In this event, the school will continue to work with the student and family to support compliance.

School Council requires the Principal to be responsible for implementation of the Dress Code in a manner consistent with the Student Code of Conduct.

## FEEDBACK ABOUT THIS STUDENT DRESS CODE

Coburg 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, please contact the Principal.

## FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Coburg Primary School Sunsmart Policy
- Coburg Primary School Parent Complaint Policy
- Coburg 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](#).

## EVALUATION AND REVIEW

This policy will be reviewed every three years and following significant incidents if they occur.
This policy was ratified by School Council in June 2021
The policy will be next reviewed in June 2024