



Hughesdale Primary School

Student Dress Code Policy

Ratified at school Council: October 2022	Due for Review: October 2026	On Website; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Authority (Principal):		Authority (School Council President): <i>K Williams</i>



Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy, please contact the Business Manager or Assistant Principal.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Hughesdale 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 Hughesdale 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 Hughesdale Primary School’s commitment to ensuring that our students feel a sense of belonging and are dressed safely and appropriately for school activities.
- reduce student competition based on 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 Hughesdale Primary School’s school uniform items are available at Appendix A to this policy.

General appearance

While at school or participating in school activities, Hughesdale 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.

Cosmetics may not be worn at school. Nail polish is permitted.

Hair and Sun safety

Shoulder length or longer hair must be tied back to help restrict the spread of nits and lice and for student safety.

School uniform hats must be worn outside from 14th August to 30th April and on any other day prescribed by the school. School uniform hats may also be worn in other months 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 the PSW store.

Address: 1/596 North Road, Ormond, VIC, 3204.

Phone: (03) 9768 0387

Trading Hours:

Tues to Fri, 9am – 5pm

Sat, 10am – 1pm

Shop online at: psw.com.au

Hughesdale Primary School Parents' Club also operates a second-hand uniform stall periodically throughout the year and this is advertised via compass.

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

Hughesdale Primary School 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.

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 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.

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

Hughesdale 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 handbook/manual
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

[School policies:](#)

- SunSmart Policy
- Complaints Policy

Department policies:

- [Student Dress Code](#)
- [Student Engagement policies and guidelines](#)

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Policy last reviewed	October 2022
Consultation	Policies Sub Committee October 2022
Approved by	School Council
Next scheduled full review date	October 2026 - the recommended minimum review cycle for this policy is 3 to 4 years NOTE: The Department's Student Dress Code policy requires School Councils to decide annually whether amendments or a full review of the dress code is required.

APPENDIX A: HUGHESDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM ITEMS

The following items may be worn all year round:

Jumper or Vest

Green polar fleece with school logo
Green crew neck windcheater
Green bomber jacket

Polo shirts

Green or Yellow long and short sleeved with school logo.

Pants

Green trackpants
Green cargo pants
Green Culottes

Shorts/Skorts

Green shorts
Green skorts

Dresses

Green and white checked shift dress
Green tunic

Tights/stockings

Green tights/stockings

Footwear

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

School Rain Coat (Optional Item)

Green raincoat

Hats – to be worn from 14th August to 30th April

Green legionnaire hat
Green slouch hat

Beanie

Green knit beanie

Sports uniform Year 5 & 6

Mesh sports shorts

There are specific uniform requirements for students participating in specialist sports such as Interschool sports, Cross country, and Athletics. These uniforms are provided by the school for the duration of the sports season.