



STUDENT DRESS CODE AND GENERAL APPEARANCE

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Ashby 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 Ashby Primary School Council 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 Ashby 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. Students are expected to comply with this Student Dress Code while travelling to and from school, during school hours and when attending school activities.

UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE

The full list of Ashby 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, Ashby 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. Only clear nail polish is permitted.

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.

Hats must be worn outside in term 1, 4 and on any other day prescribed by the school. Hats may also be worn outside of this time period, by parent or student choice. This is in alignment with the school SunSmart Policy. 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 directly from Bellarine Uniform Shop, 162 Moorabool St Geelong 03 5221 9199.

Ashby Primary School Friends of Ashby group also operates a second-hand uniform store for parents. Second-hand uniform sales are organised regularly throughout the school year.

Support for families experiencing difficulty

Please contact the Principal or the school 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/>

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



IMPLEMENTATION

Ashby 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.
- Measures taken by Ashby Primary School to address concerns about student non-compliance with the Student Dress Code will also be addressed in accordance with our Engagement and Wellbeing 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.

CONCERNS ABOUT THIS STUDENT DRESS CODE

Ashby 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 *Complaint Policy*, available on the website or can be printed at the office if required.

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Ashby Primary School SunSmart Policy
- Ashby Primary School Complaint Policy
- Ashby Primary School Engagement and Wellbeing Policy
- Department of Education and Training [Student Dress Code](#)
- Department of Education and Training [Student Engagement policies and guidelines](#).

REVIEW CYCLE

This policy is due for review in November 2023



APPENDIX A: ASHBY PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM ITEMS

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Uniform Pricelist (valid to 30 June 2021)

uniform	Crew Neck Windcheater (Navy with Logo)	All Sizes	\$30.50
	Soft Shell Jacket (Navy with Logo)	All Sizes	\$61.50
	Polar Fleece Vest (Navy bonded polar fleece vest with logo)	All Sizes	\$25.50
	Summer Dress (Navy Blue / white gingham , White PP Collar)	Adult Size	\$46.50
	Winter Pinafore (Poly/Viscose)	4 – 6	\$66.95
		8 – 10	\$72.50
	Winter Skirt	All Sizes	\$72.50
	Winter Blouse - P/P White	4 -16	\$27.00
		Size 18 up	\$29.00
	Shorts (Navy, full elastic) 120Y	From	\$23.50
	Trousers (Navy, Drawstring Waist 134)	From	\$37.95
	Polo Top Short Sleeve (Navy/Gold cotton back coolmesh logo)	All Sizes	\$35.95
	Polo Top Long Sleeve (Navy/Gold cotton back coolmesh with logo)	All Sizes	\$38.95
	Sports Shorts Rugby Knit (Navy)		\$24.95
	Tracksuit Pants (Navy)	All Sizes	\$29.95
accessories	Sports Socks White	3 Pack	\$15.95
	Socks White Anklet	3 Pack	\$14.95
	Socks Navy/ White Knee Hi (single Pack)	from	\$6.00
	Tights (Navy) Child sizes	from	\$17.50
	School Bag		\$52.50
	Hybrid Hat (Navy)		\$15.00
	NAME LABELS	Per 50 Units	\$23.50
Pre-ordered Garment Labels (Sew or Iron on)			

All prices are subject to change without notice.

There are specific uniform requirements for students participating in specialist sports excursions. They need to be wearing navy polo and navy pants or shorts.