

ARDEER SOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

STUDENT DRESS CODE POLICY



Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand this policy, please contact the school Principal or Assistant Principal.

School Councils must develop and review their student dress code in accordance with the Department's Student Dress Code policy guidance on the Department's Policy and Advisory Library, available at the following link: <https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/student-dress-code/policy>

This will include ensuring your student dress code meets human rights and anti-discrimination requirements, includes exemption processes and addresses health and safety considerations. School Councils will also need to ensure they have properly consulted with the school community in developing/reviewing this student dress code. Guidance on consultation processes is available on the Policy and Advisory Library here: <https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/student-dress-code/guidance/developing-and-reviewing-dress-codes>

Purpose

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Ardeer South 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 Ardeer South 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 Example 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.

*This policy is written in consultation with DET Guidelines and from the template in the School Policy Template Portal.

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

The full list of Ardeer South Primary School's compulsory school uniform items are available on the school uniform price list - Appendix A to this policy.

General appearance

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, Example School students must comply with the following:

- Students come to school in school uniform.
- Uniforms must be clearly marked with the owner's name
- Navy blue hoodies are allowed, however hoods must be removed from heads inside.

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.

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.
- Navy broadbrim, or bucket hats (no caps) must be worn outside from mid-August (exact date to be set by the school annually) to 30 April and 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 the office at school, or parents may purchase items (leggings/track pants) in the school colours (navy) from retail outlets such as Big W, Kmart, Best and Less.

Support for families experiencing difficulty

Please contact the Principal or Assistant Principal 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/>

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

Implementation

Ardeer South Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website and 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 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 Ardeer South 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.

Concerns about this student dress code

Ardeer South 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 *Parent Complaint Policy*, available on our website.

COMMUNICATION

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

- Available publicly on our school's website (or insert other online parent/carer/student communication method)
- Reminders in our school newsletter
- Discussed in student forums
- Discussed at staff briefings/meetings as required
- Included in transition and enrolment packs
- Discussed at parent information nights/sessions
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

Further information and resources

- Ardeer South Sunsmart Policy
- Ardeer South Parent Complaint Policy
- Ardeer South 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	25th May 2023
Consultation	School Council, June 2023 Meeting
Approved by	School Council
Next scheduled review date	[May 2027 – noting that the recommended minimum review cycle for this policy is 3 to 4 years]

APPENDIX A: ARDEER SOUTH UNIFORM ITEMS

All year round

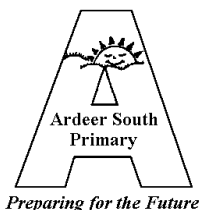
The following items may be worn all year round, with either the summer or winter uniform:

- Navy Bomber Jacket/Hoodie/Sweatshirt with or without school logo
- Navy long and short sleeved polo or t-shirt with/or without school logo.
- Plain navy skorts without decoration or brand name and in winter can be worn with navy blue tights/stockings.
- Navy blue/Black tights/stockings/leggings
- Appropriate footwear is to be worn. School shoes or pull on school boots or runners are permitted. No thongs or open-toed sandals are permitted.
- Head bands, hair ribbons, “scrunchies” or headwear worn as part of cultural/religious beliefs are permitted in any colour.
- Navy blue and white checked school dress
- Plain navy blue shorts without decoration or brand name
- Plain, navy blue track pants without decoration or brand name
- Plain navy blue skivvy
- Additional layers of clothing may be worn underneath the uniform for added warmth, provided these undergarments are completely hidden.
- Jackets of personal choice may be worn in winter
- Hats – to be worn from mid-August to 30 April - Navy broadbrim without decoration or brand name.

Sports uniform

Navy polo top/t-shirt with navy blue shorts/skirt/skort and a navy blue jumper.

There are specific uniform requirements for students participating in specialist sports. These uniforms are provided by the school for the duration of the sports season.



ARDEER SOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL Uniform Order Form

Name of Student Grade

Telephone No. Parent's Signature

<i>Garment</i>	<i>Sizes 4 - 16</i>	<i>Price</i>	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Cost</i>
Polo Shirt - short sleeved		28.00		
Polo Shirt - long sleeved		30.00		
Shorts		20.00		
Skorts		13.00		
Track Pants – reinforced knees		22.00		
Dress (Blue & white check)		22.00		
Windcheater		27.00		
Leggings		18.00		
Bomber Jacket		45.00		
School Bags		35.00		
Hat (Replacement)		10.00		
Beanie		15.00		

Date

Total Cost \$

CASH

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Notes:

