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## Carrum Primary School Student Dress Code 2023



### Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy, please contact Cassie Kennedy on 9772 1117.

### PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Carrum 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 Carrum 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 Carrum 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

The full list of Carrum Primary School's compulsory school uniform items is available at Appendix A to this policy.

#### General appearance

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, Carrum 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.

School uniform hats 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.

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 by parents directly from PSW Carrum Downs.

### **Support for families experiencing difficulty**

Please contact the Principal or Welfare Officer 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/>

Carrum Primary School also has second-hand uniforms available to families on request or as required.

## **IMPLEMENTATION**

Carrum Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website, induction packs 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.

## **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 in writing 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

Carrum 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 or at the office.

## COMMUNICATION

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

- Available publicly on our school's website
- Reminders in our school newsletter
- Included in transition and enrolment packs
- Discussed at parent information nights/sessions
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

## FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Carrum Primary School Sun Protection Policy
- Carrum Primary School Parent Complaint Policy
- Carrum 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	20.10. 2023
Consultation	Education Sub Committee School Council
Approved by	School Council 24/10/2023
Next scheduled review date	01/10/2027

## APPENDIX A: CARRUM 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 Vest**

Bottle Green Hooded Windcheater with school logo

Bottle Green Bomber Jacket with school logo

#### **Polo shirts**

Bottle Green long and short sleeved with school logo.

Gold long and short sleeved with school logo.

#### **Skorts**

Bottle green skorts without decoration or brand name and in winter can be worn with green tights/stockings.

#### **Socks or tights/stockings**

Black or white socks

Green tights/stockings

#### **Footwear**

Appropriate footwear is to be worn. Black school shoes or pull-on school boots or plain runners are permitted. No thongs or open-toed sandals are permitted.

#### **School Raincoat (Optional Item)**

Green or black coat with or without school logo

#### **Headwear**

Green or Gold 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 and white checked dress

#### **Shorts**

Plain green shorts without decoration or brand name

Bottle Green Rugby shorts with Drawstring

### Winter Uniform – to be worn in Term 2 and 3

#### **Pants**

Plain, bottle green track pants without decoration or brand name

Bottle green bootleg pants

#### **Dresses**

Bottle/Black/Gold Winter Check Box Pleat Tunic

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

Bottle Green Microfibre broadbrim hat without decoration or brand name – with or without school logo.

### Sports uniform

Bottle-Yellow-White mesh panelled polo top with green shorts/skirt/skort.

There are specific uniform requirements for students participating in specialist sports such as netball, representative swimming etc. These uniforms are provided by the school for the duration of the sports season.