



STUDENT DRESS CODE POLICY

RATIONALE

A dress code which incorporates school uniform reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of the Plenty Parklands Primary School community, and assists in developing pride in representing their school. Issues of equality, health and safety, expense and choice are also factors that contribute to the establishment of the dress code.

After consultation within the school community, the students and Junior School Council, School Council developed a dress code that we believe provides choice for the students, allows for students to safely engage in the many varied school activities, and caters for the financial constraints of families.

AIMS

- To promote equality and a fair go for all amongst students.
- To further develop a sense of pride in, identification with, and respect for, our school.
- To provide durable clothing that is cost effective and practical for our school environment.
- To maintain and enhance the positive image of the school in the community.

IMPLEMENTATION

- ***As the school colors are dark navy and red, no other colors are to be worn. Students must wear red or dark navy hair bands, ribbons, headscarves and scarves.***
- **The Dress Code applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school, on school excursions, camp when appropriate, and when students represent the school.**
- **Parents seeking exemptions to the dress code due to religious beliefs, family background, student disability or health condition must apply in writing to the Principal.**
- The student dress code, Uniform Shop hours and the uniform ordering process and form will be published on our website at the start of each year. Uniform order forms will also be available from the office and on QKR.
- School Council requires the Principal be responsible for implementation of the dress code.
- School Council will operate a Uniform Shop on the school premises.
- Donations of quality second hand uniforms will be redistributed to families experiencing genuine economic hardship as identified by senior staff.
- If no reasonable second hand uniforms are available, arrangements can be made to supply uniforms via State Schools Relief for families experiencing genuine economic hardship. It is the Principal Class Officers' decision whether or not to approve this request.

Dress Code

Compulsory

- School logo on short and long sleeved polos, sweaters and bomber jackets.
- Choice of plain, dark navy, **long shorts** and long skorts, bootleg or trackpants or blue and white check school dress. No brand logos. No leggings unless worn under school dress.
- PPPS sunsmart hats from September to April or when designated by Department.
- Dark navy waterproof jacket for recess and lunchtime at school if required (uniform shop or commercial outlet). Students are encouraged to wear warm singlets under their uniform rather than non uniform jackets. No other colors to be worn during school hours unless on extreme cold weather days.

Footwear:

- School shoes, except for physical education, or sturdy outdoor sports shoes for general daywear.
- Slippers are optional in winter for inside use only.
- No thongs, scuffs, inside sports shoes, high heels, beach sandals or flimsy sandals for safety reasons.

Sport/Phys.Ed. Uniform:

- School approved tops with PPPS logo.
- Trackpants, long shorts and skorts. Dresses are not appropriate on sport or physical education days as they inhibit physical activity, especially while using equipment or in P.E.
- Runners, Not boots or shoes for safety reasons.
- Special interschool sport uniforms provided for some sports.
- Sunsmart school logo hat from September to April.
- Long hair tied back for safety reasons.
- No jewellery for safety reasons.
- Short nails and no nail polish.

Jewellery:

Loose or dangly pieces of jewellery are major safety issues when children play games at recess/lunchtime and participate in P.E. and sport. They are extremely dangerous when they catch.

- **Small gold, silver, red or blue stud or sleeper earrings acceptable, no other body piercings.**
- **Small chain with a religious icon can be worn under clothing so that it can't be caught on anything or seen.**
- **No bracelets or bangles, regardless of religious significance, because they can catch. The only exception is a medical bracelet, which is not classified as jewellery.**
- Firm fitting watch if desired or needed.

Hairstyles:

- **Hair dyes or tips that are similar to natural colors only.** No green, blue, pink, purple, orange, bright red, maroon, gold, silver etc,. Wash out spray colors are acceptable on free dress days, or the day following Family Fun Night or concert, if it has been part of their costume.
- Hairstyles that are appropriate for primary school children. **No mohawks or shaved hair patterns, etc.,**
- Tie long hair back to keep hair out of eyes in order to maximise learning and to minimise transfer of nits or lice.
- Dark navy or red scrunchies, hair ribbons, hair baubles.
- Gels, wax, sprays not overdone.

Makeup:

- Clear lip products only.
- No false or acrylic nails, unless Year 6 students wear them following Presentation.
- Clear nail polish only.
- No face or eye makeup.
- No visible body transfers or tattoos except following special events like Family Fun Night.

Optional Uniform:

- Dark navy warm winter jacket with logo, available at uniform shop.
- Dark navy beanie and scarf, available at uniform shop.
- Dark navy or red baseball cap, beanie and scarf between May and August. (no logos)
- Dark navy or red gloves. (no logos)
- Plain dark navy or red skivvies underneath uniform for warmth. (commercial outlet)
- Dark navy stockings or dark navy leggings with school dress only.
- PPPS schoolbag.
- Plain dark navy vests. (commercial outlet)
- Sunglasses that meet Australian standards.

EVALUATION

This policy will be reviewed to reflect new regulations and best practice.

REVIEW CYCLE

This policy was last updated in July 2019 and is scheduled for review in July 2020.

Endorsed by School Council in February 2019.