



## Student Dress Code

### PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Kent Park 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 Kent Park 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 encourage students to develop pride in their appearance.
- support Kent Park 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 when attending school activities.

### UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE

Kent Park Primary School's compulsory school uniform items are as follows:

*\* Denotes available at Uniform Shop*

- Pale blue school T shirt or polo shirt (phasing out by end of 2023)\*
- Maroon (with pale blue panels) short sleeve polo shirt\*
- Grey school shorts\* or maroon shorts (no cargo pants)\*
- Maroon and blue gingham dress
- Maroon school skirt\*
- Maroon and blue gingham shorts\*
- Maroon bike shorts can be worn under a school dress or skirt.\*
- Bucket Hat with school logo\*

### WARMER ITEMS:

- Grey school pants\* (No Cargo Pants)
- Maroon windcheater or maroon bomber jacket with school logo\*
- Maroon bootleg pants/track pants\*
- Pale blue school long sleeve polo shirt\*

- maroon school skirt or checked pinafore\*
- Pale blue skivvies\*
- School beanie\*
- Scarf pale blue, white or maroon

### SOCKS & SHOES

- Pale blue, white, black, maroon, or grey socks
- Black school shoes or predominately black or white runners are strongly recommended where practical to do so

**Note** - It is recommended that you either visit the school's [website](#), contact the school or visit the uniform shop to view samples of the above prior to purchasing.

### General appearance

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, all students must be well presented with a reasonable level of tidiness. 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

To prevent injuries and damage to student property 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

Shoulder length or longer hair is strongly recommended to be tied back to help restrict the spread of nits and lice and for student safety. The school reserves the right to provide further encouragement in times of a lice outbreak or where the general appearance of students is not in line with this policy.

### Sun safety

School uniform hats must be worn outside during the period outlined in the Sunsmart policy (1 September 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.

## **PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS**

Uniform items can be purchased from Spartan School World - <https://www.spartanschoolworld.com.au/>

Uniform price list - [Kent-Park-PS-Uniform-Pricelist-2024-2025-1.pdf](#)

Second-hand items are available to purchase from school every second Wednesday – 3:20 pm – 3:45pm

## **Support for families experiencing difficulty**

Please contact the Principal, Social Worker 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**

Kent Park 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.

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 Kent Park 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**

Kent Park 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 the school website.

## **FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES**

- Kent Park Primary School Sunsmart Policy
- Kent Park Primary School Parent Complaint Policy
- Kent Park 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](#).

## REVIEW CYCLE

<b>Consultation</b>	Consultation with School Improvement Team, Staff, School Council and Education Sub-Committee August 2024
<b>Approved by</b>	Principal - Kieran Denver School Council
<b>Date Reviewed</b>	August 2024

*Kent Park Primary School and/or the school council can decide to review this policy where deemed necessary.*