



STUDENT DRESS CODE POLICY

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Rosedale 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 Rosedale 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 Rosedale 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 Rosedale 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, Rosedale 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
- Shirts should be tucked in at all times
- Ties need to be worn neatly covering a fastened top button
- 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.

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 JSM in Sale, as well as most local department stores.

Rosedale Primary School Parents' Club organises occasional school orders for uniform and will notify parents/guardians when an order is being prepared.

Support for families experiencing difficulty

Please contact the Principal or Carolyn 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/>

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

IMPLEMENTATION

Rosedale 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 Rosedale 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.
- uniform is temporarily unavailable.

CONCERNS ABOUT THIS STUDENT DRESS CODE

Rosedale 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*.

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
- Included in staff handbook/manual
- 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

- Rosedale Primary School Sunsmart Policy
- Rosedale Primary School Parent Complaint Policy
- Rosedale 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	November 2021
Consultation	School Council, November 2021
Approved by	School Council
Next scheduled review date	November 2024

Rosedale Primary School Uniform

Hats	Cricket hat	(bottle green) *hats must be worn to cover the ears
Tops	Polo shirt Skivvy Windcheater/hoodie Zip jacket – JSM Grade 6 printed shirt/jacket	(white or bottle green) (white or bottle green) (bottle green) (bottle green) (assorted)
Pants	Track pants Trousers Leggings Shorts Skorts	(bottle green or black) (dark grey) (black) (bottle green, green gingham, grey or black) (black)
Dress/Skirts	Dress Netball skirt Pleated tunic - JSM	(green gingham check) (bottle green or black) (green and black check tartan)
Footwear	Shoes Boots Runners Sandals	
Socks/Tights		(grey, white, bottle green or black)



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Dear Parents,

Your child has been out of school uniform twice in the last fortnight.

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Our Dress Code Policy was introduced in 1999, at the request of the majority of parents, and we expect all children to be in full school uniform each day.

The Dress Code Policy which was developed and approved by School Council, states that after a third breach of the dress code within a fortnight, a child will be withdrawn from the yard for one day.

If there are special circumstances you can request a temporary exemption through the class teacher or myself.

Please help us to maintain the good appearance of all students who attend Rosedale Primary School.

Yours sincerely

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PRINCIPAL