



Student Dress Code Policy

Rationale

- The Southern Grove Primary School community believes a dress code:
- establishes and enhances the image of the school.
- establishes school spirit and teamwork.
- ensures students are safely dressed for specific school activities.
- encourages equality among students.
- prepare students for high school and the demands of the society.

Aims

This policy provides guidelines for the implementation of the Department of Education Dress Codes for Students Policy. Further, it provides enrolling parents with clear school expectations that need to be agreed to prior to enrolment. It sets out the requirements for clean and appropriate dress, giving school expectations of personal presentation for students whilst at school and when representing the School out-of-hours. It sets out the agreed measures for dealing with students not following dress code and grounds for modification or exemption for individuals.

Guidelines

- Acceptance of enrolment assumes that parent/guardian and student have agreed to conform to this code.
- Exemption/modification to the code for individuals will be considered for religious or health reasons. Parents need to make an appointment with the Principal to gain agreement prior to carrying out modification/exemption.
- Students are expected to wear school uniform to school each day unless provided with an exemption.
- Students should ensure that they take appropriate precautions for protection against the sun at all times. The school has a No Hat/No Play policy applicable all year round.

Dress Code Requirements

Students are required to wear the following uniform items available for purchase from Nell Gray Uniforms:

Southern Grove PS polo shirt

Black school skort, shorts or pants

School dress

School microfibre zip jacket

Black school hat

Black tights

White socks

*a black or white long-sleeved shirt may be worn under the school polo





Footwear

Appropriate covered footwear i.e. sport shoes or school sandals. No thongs, ugg boots, massage sandals, surf sandals, fashion sandals.

Physical Education Program

To support our Physical Education program at school it is important that students are appropriately dressed for activities. This includes appropriate footwear, not sandals or thongs.

Faction Sports

School faction polo shirt
School skorts or shorts
School hat
Sport shoes

Interschool Sports

School interschool polo shirt (loaned by school)
School skorts or shorts
School hat
Sport shoes

Hair and Jewellery

For health and safety reasons hair should be neat and secured away from the face. Hair that is shoulder length or longer is to be tied back.

Coloured hair is acceptable for designated fundraisers such as 'crazy hair day' and for sports carnivals where hair is coloured at home. Coloured hair is not acceptable at any other times.

Jewellery should be restricted to a watch, sleepers or studs. No responsibility is taken for lost items.

Graduation Uniform

Students in Year 6 may purchase a Graduation Student shirt. These items are part of the school uniform and are to be worn with school uniform base clothing.

Non-Compliance

The following approach will be used for students not following the dress code;

- Discussion with student and member of the leadership team
- Parents will be contacted to gain support and provide assistance where necessary
- School will provide assistance/support in obtaining suitable clothing if necessary and able
- Allowance from principal for student to wear modified uniform for an agreed length of time may be issued if deemed appropriate.

Students not following the dress code may be denied the opportunity to attend activities that are not essential to the educational program or events where the student is representing the school including sports competitions, excursions or school performances.

Exemptions

An application for exemption and any exemption granted may apply to individuals, all students at the school or to all students in a specific category. Where an exemption applies, students should still be neat and dressed in accordance with other provisions in the school's dress code.





Under Regulation 35(2) of the School Education Regulations 2000, the principal may provide an exemption on any of the following grounds:

- the unavailability of an item.
- a matter relating to the student's health;
- a matter relating to the religious beliefs of the student or the student's family.
- a matter relating to the cultural background of the student or the student's family; or
- any other matter which in the principal's opinion is sufficient to exempt the student from complying with the requirement.

Under Regulation 35(4) of the School Education Regulations 2000, the details of an exemption must include:

- each requirement of the dress code which the student is exempt from complying with;
- the time period for which the exemption has effect;
- the grounds for the exemption; and
- any relevant condition.

Conclusion

This policy should be seen in conjunction with the school's Student Engagement and Sun Smart policies and is the responsibilities of all staff, student and parents to follow its directions.

