
UNIFORM POLICY

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Uniform Policy is to outline Chelsea 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 Uniform Policy has been developed by Chelsea Primary'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 Uniform policy aims to:

- foster a sense of community and belonging and encourages students to develop pride in their appearance
- support Chelsea Primary School's commitment to ensuring that our students feel equal and are dressed safely and appropriately for school activities
- assist with student identification and safety in public places
- enhance the profile and identity of the school and its students within the wider community

The School Council has developed a Uniform Policy that we believe provides a range of durable and practical choices for students and is economical for families.

SCOPE

Students are expected to comply with this Uniform Policy while traveling to and from school, during school hours and when attending school activities.

UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE

Uniform options

- Bomber jacket (with logo)
- Polar fleece jacket (with logo) NEW
- Navy windcheater (with logo)
- Short sleeve polo shirt (with logo)
- Long sleeve polo shirt (with logo)
- Summer dress (in school print)
- Navy pinafore with light blue skivvy and/or polo shirt
- Navy skort
- Navy tracksuit or bootleg pants
- Navy shorts (not bike shorts)
- Plain white, black or navy socks
- Runners (preferably black)
- Black closed toe school shoes
- Sunsmart navy hat (Legionnaire, broad brimmed or approved bucket style)

- Chelsea Primary School beanie
- Year 6 top – it is traditional for Year 6 students to wear a commemorative rugby top or shirt which distinguishes them in their final year at school

General appearance

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, Chelsea 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.
- Leggings are not approved uniform, except for cultural reasons
- Long sleeved tops may not be worn underneath the short sleeved polo shirt or summer dress
- Tights and leggings may not be worn under the summer dress
- Other than clear nail polish, nail polish and make-up are not permitted

School bag

- A navy school bag with logo is available but is not compulsory

Extreme weather

- On very cold or wet days, students may wear coats, beanies and hats to and from school, at recess and lunchtimes

Jewellery and cosmetics

- For safety reasons, 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.

Hair and Sun safety

- Shoulder length or longer hair is to be tied back using hair ties, ribbons and clips in navy blue, white or checked school colours to help restrict the spread of nits and lice and for student safety.
- Obvious hair colouring and extreme hair styles are not permitted.
- School sunsmart hats must be worn outside from 1 September to 30 April and on any other day prescribed by the school. Sunsmart 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:

- PSW, 22/13 Gateway Drive, Carrum Downs, 3201; ph. 9768 0360, or parents may order it directly from <https://www.psw.com.au/schools/chelsea-primary-school.html>
- Items conforming to the standards above may be purchased from other outlets
- Second hand uniform sales are conducted at the school once each semester.

Support for families experiencing difficulty

Please contact Assistant Principal Jan Smith 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

Chelsea Primary School will ensure that this Uniform Policy is communicated to all families and students through our website and other methods including the newsletter and the Compass platform. We will assist students who may be experiencing difficulties complying with this policy where possible.

- Parents sign an agreement on enrolment that they will support Chelsea Primary School's Uniform Policy
- Parents are expected to inform a student's class teacher or the office by note if unexpected circumstances prevent compliance with the student dress code
- If ongoing incidences of non-compliance with the dress code occur without an official exemption, parents will be contacted to discuss appropriate assistance to enable compliance with the uniform policy
- Measures taken by Chelsea 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

Chelsea 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.

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Chelsea Primary School Sunsmart Policy
- Chelsea Primary School Parent Complaint Policy
- Chelsea 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 AND EVALUATION

This policy was last updated July 2021 and is scheduled for review in July 2024