



# CRANBOURNE PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

## STUDENT DRESS CODE



### Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact the school on 5996 1142

### PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Cranbourne 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 Cranbourne Park Primary School's School Council in consultation with our school 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 Cranbourne 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 and when attending school activities.

### UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE

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

#### GENERAL APPEARANCE

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, Cranbourne Park 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.

#### CLOTHING

- Black pants, shorts, skirt, skort or leggings
- Green and white check school dress
- White or bottle green polo shirt with or without school logo
- Bottle green bomber jacket/jumper/hoodie with or without school logo
- From the start of August through to the end of April – a bottle green wide brimmed or bucket hat must be worn for students to be outside at break times/sport sessions

## **FOOTWEAR**

- Appropriate footwear is to be worn at all times – runners or sneakers that are enclosed and well fitting.
- For safety reasons students can not wear thongs, sandals or open-toed shoes

## **JEWELLERY AND MAKE UP**

- Earrings: Only one plain stud or sleeper should be worn in each ear.
- We strongly recommend expensive jewellery is not brought to school including necklaces or bracelets in case they are lost, damaged or cause injury.
- No makeup or additional jewellery is to be worn including nail polish, fake nails, beaded hair etc.

## **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.
- Extreme hairstyles are not permitted. Students are not to have dyed hair other than a natural colour.
- The hairstyle should be neat and tidy and be able to be worn under a hat during the periods indicated below.
- In line with the Departments UV Protection policy school uniform hats must be worn outside from the start of August through to the end of April. Students need to wear a school hat in order for students to play outside during these times.
- Student hats must be clearly named and kept in good condition. Hats are not to be worn inside.
- Hats need to be a wide brimmed or bucket hat design that is bottle green. No other hat is permitted.

## **PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS**

Uniform items can be purchased from PSW, located in Hampton Park, or online through <https://www.psw.com.au/schools/cranbourne-park-primary-school.html>

## **SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES EXPERIENCING DIFFICULTY**

Please contact the Principal or office staff 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**

Cranbourne Park Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students at the start of each school year, advertised on the school website and other online systems used as well as in newsletters and available at the front office. 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 contact will be made with the family to discuss. The student will meet with a staff member to discuss the dress code and its' purpose during a break time. No further action will be taken if the dress code is adhered to.

If a student subsequently breaches the dress code and does not comply after a second contact with the family then a meeting will be held between the school and parents. A resolution plan will be developed to ensure the student meets the school policy and the student will remain out of the playground for 15 minutes each break time until it is resolved.

*For the safety of our students and to provide a sense of unity in public, students will not be allowed to attend out of school activities (ie. Excursions, neighbourhood walks, swimming, representative school teams, trips etc.) unless they meet the requirements of the Student dress code.*

## **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/carers.

Year 6 students will have the opportunity to purchase a year 6 graduation top. The design will be selected by students and able to be worn at all times during the year.

At times during the year the school will provide a free dress day. This allows students, who wish to participate, an opportunity to attend school out of uniform. Details of these days are provided closer to the time.

### CONCERNS ABOUT THIS STUDENT DRESS CODE

Cranbourne 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

- Cranbourne Park Primary School Sunsmart Policy
- Cranbourne Park Primary School Parent Complaint Policy
- Cranbourne 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

This Student Dress Code was last approved by School Council on 8/8/23 and is scheduled for review in August 2024.

