



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:

- promote a sense of identity and pride, cohesion and good order in the school
- allow all students to feel equal
- prevent bullying and competition on the basis of clothing
- ensure students' appearance reflects the expectations of their school community
- enhance the profile and identity of the school and its students within the wider community
- strengthen the spirit of community within the school
- enhance individual student safety and group security
- ensure all students are dressed safely and appropriately for school activities
- prepare students for the expectations of workplaces
- encourage students to present themselves appropriately for a particular role.

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

Students can wear any uniform item regardless of gender.

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.

HEALTH, SAFETY AND UNIFORM

CLOTHING

- Black pants, shorts, skirt, skort or leggings
 - Clothing must be appropriate for school
 - Shorts and skirts should visible below the t-shirt / jumper
 - Bike / skin-tight shorts are strongly discouraged unless worn as an undergarment (under a dress or shorts)
- Bottle green and white check school dress
- Bottle green polo shirt with or without school logo
- Bottle green bomber jacket/jumper/hoodie with or without school logo
- All items must be plain colour and free from logos (other than the school logo)
- Tops worn under school clothes must either be hidden or plain bottle green, white or black

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: Plain studs or sleepers can be worn
- Jewellery other than plain studs or sleepers are not to be brought to school in case they are lost or damaged.
- No makeup 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.
- Hats need to be a wide brimmed or bucket hat design that is bottle green. No other hat is permitted.
- Hats are not to be worn inside.



PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS

Non-branded uniform items can be purchased from local department stores (Kmart, Best and Less, Big W, Target etc.). A small supply of second-hand uniform is available in the foyer to the main office. Branded uniform is optional, it can be purchased from PSW, located in Hampton Park, or online through <https://www.psw.com.au/schools/cranbourne-park-primary-school.html>

The School Council has consulted with the school community and worked to ensure the student uniform is affordable, including encouragement of non-branded items. However, if you are facing difficulty meeting uniform costs the [Help with school costs and fees](#) page provides advice on support offered by the Victorian Government. If your child is starting prep or year 7 and is eligible to receive support via the [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund](#), you may be eligible to access the Affordable School Uniform program through [State Schools' Relief](#).

Please contact the office on 5996 1142 should you wish to discuss further.

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, reminders through Compass and hard copies available on request. 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.

For the safety of our students and to provide a sense of unity in public, students will not be able 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 acknowledge that the enforcement of this Student Dress Code may impact students differently.

- an aspect of the code:
 - prevents students from being able to attend school or participate in school activities on the same terms as other students because of the [personal characteristics referred to in human rights and anti-discrimination requirements](#)
 - offends a religious belief held by the student or parents/carers
 - prevents students from complying with a requirement of their religious, ethnic or cultural background
- the student has a particular disability or health condition that requires a departure from the dress code
- the student or the parents/carers can demonstrate financial 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.

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- consider the grounds for the exemption request
- explain the process to the student and/or their parents/carer
- guarantee that issues of a personal nature revealed to substantiate the request will be strictly confidential
- 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, including providing advice about support with meeting uniform costs. If an exemption is not allowed, then written reasons will be provided to the student and/or their parents/carers.

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.

This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways:

- available publicly on our school's website
- sent out electronically on Compass
- reminders in our school newsletter
- 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.

Views on our student dress code, including uniform cost and affordability, are encouraged from the whole school community including:

- parent/carers
- teachers and other school staff
- students

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Cranbourne Park Primary School Sun Protection Policy
- Cranbourne Park Primary School Parent Complaint Policy
- Cranbourne Park Primary School Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy
- Department of Education [Student Dress Code](#)
- Department of Education [Student Engagement](#)

REVIEW AND APPROVAL

For future reviews of this Student Dress Code, we will take into consideration feedback from the school community through the following mechanisms:

- emails or other forms of written communication
- verbal feedback received

The community are welcome to have provide feedback via email at any point in the year.

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Approved by	School Council
Next scheduled review date	August, 2028

