

### PURPOSE

The purpose of the student dress code is to outline Orchard Park Primary School's requirements for student dress and appearance and to provide information about uniform purchase, support, dress code implementation and exemption processes.

This dress code has been developed by Orchard Park Primary School's School Council, in 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 Orchard 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 unique and distinguishable identity of the school and its students within the wider community

### UNIFORM SUPPLIER

All items purchased at PSW conform to the school's Student Dress Code and offer parent's peace of mind in regards to Student Dress Code compliance. Items may be purchased at other outlets but must conform to the standards detailed below. The full list of Orchard Park Primary School's compulsory school uniform items are available at Appendix A to this policy.

### OTHER STUDENT DRESS CODE IMPLEMENTATION GUIDELINES:

- Scarves and head wear of any description including cultural/religious headwear must be in navy.
- Scrunchies and hair adornments should be in the school colours (\*\*)
- Students must not wear "unnatural" hair colours to school (ie bright purple would be considered an unnatural hair colour)
- No makeup of any description is allowed to be worn at school. (This includes nail polish)
- Shoes need to be plain black. They must be suitable for the activities at school (ie school shoes, runners). Open toed shoes, sandals or thongs are not permitted for safety reasons.
- Socks are to be white or navy only
- Students are permitted to wear navy blue stockings/leggings under the school dress
- Orchard Park schoolbags (available through PSW) are the preferred bag option for students.



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### GENERAL APPEARANCE

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

### 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.

### 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 the beginning of Term 4 to the end of Term 1 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.

Students may bring sunscreen to school, however, the application of sunscreen remains the responsibility of the student. The school does not provide sunscreen and Teachers will not apply sunscreen to students.

### EXEMPTIONS

Exemption of the Student Dress Code will be granted where:

- An aspect of the code prevents the student from complying with a requirement of their ethnic or cultural background;
- An aspect of the code prevents students with disabilities from being able to attend school or participate in school activities on the same terms as other students;
- The student has a particular health condition that requires an aspect of the code to be departed from.
- At the sole discretion of the school principal, who, on an exceptional basis will consider the merits of any formal written exemption request submitted. The



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principal will confirm whether the exemption is granted in writing to the student and their family and keep a record of it in school files in accordance with appropriate privacy laws.

### **SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES EXPERIENCING DIFFICULTY**

Please contact the Principal or Business Manager 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**

Orchard Park Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website and Compass. The implementation of the Student Dress Code policy remains the responsibility of the Principal.

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 noncompliance 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 Orchard Park 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.

Parents sign an agreement on enrolment that they will support Orchard Park Primary School uniform policy.

### **FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES**

- Sunsmart 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 30/11/2020 and is Scheduled for review in December November 2021.

The Department's Student Dress Code policy requires School Councils to decide annually whether or not amendments or a full review of the dress code are required.