



Stanhope Primary School

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Student Dress Code (Uniform) Policy

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Stanhope 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 Stanhope Primary School'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.

We believe this provides choice for the students, allows for students to safely engage in the many varied school activities. The policy takes into account the Child Safe regulations in terms of preventing situations where students underwear may be exposed, thus creating an inappropriate situation.

The Student Dress Code aims to:

- foster a sense of community and belonging and encourages students to develop pride in their appearance.
- support Example 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

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, Stanhope Primary School students must comply with the following:

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- All students will wear black coloured pants/trousers, with maroon coloured T Shirt, (including SPS sports shirts) windcheater or 'bomber' jackets
- Students that prefer to wear dresses must wear shorts or leggings underneath.
- The only headwear acceptable is the Sun Smart hats which have been deemed compliant with the school's Sun Smart Policy
- Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, plus watches are the only acceptable jewellery
- Hair must be tied back off the face as soon as long enough to be practical.
- Other than clear nail polish, cosmetics may not be worn at school, except when expressly permitted on Out of Uniform or other special event days.
- Footwear should be black where possible, but other footwear suitable for sport and PE is also acceptable. All footwear must be closed toe.
- Headbands, ribbons and ties will be black or maroon only

PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS

The Uniform Shop is outsourced through 'Workwear Connect' in Kyabram, subject to the written arrangements as detailed in their proposal. The Dress Code will be made available to Workwear Connect.

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/>

EXEMPTIONS TO STUDENT DRESS CODE

Parents seeking exemptions to the Dress Code due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability or health condition must apply in writing to the Principal. This can then be taken to School Council for further discussion and decision making.

School Council requires the Principal and all school staff be responsible for the implementation of the Dress Code.

COMMUNICATION

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

- Available publicly on our school's website
- Reminders in our school newsletter
- Included in transition and enrolment packs
- Discussed at parent information nights/sessions
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request.

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FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Stanhope Primary School Sunsmart Policy
- Stanhope Primary School Parent Complaint Policy
- Stanhope 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](#).

EVALUATION AND REVIEW

This policy and the attached documents are to be reviewed every three years or following referral by School Council.

This policy was last ratified by School Council 25th May 2022.

By:

School Council President