



# PATTERSON LAKES PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## STUDENT DRESS CODE POLICY

### RATIONALE

A Student Dress Code instils a sense of ownership, collective and individual pride and identification with the school.

Issues of equality, health and safety and expense are factors that contribute to the establishment of a Student Dress Code.

### AIMS

- To promote equality amongst all students.
- To further develop a sense of pride in, and identification with our school.
- To maintain and enhance the positive image of the school in the community.
- To provide durable clothing that is cost effective and practical for our school environment.

### IMPLEMENTATION

- After consultation with the school community and the Junior School Council, School Council has developed a Student Dress Code that provides choice for students, allows for students to safely engage in the many varied school activities, and caters for the financial constraints of families.
- A School Logo is to be visible on a polo top, windcheater or bomber jacket at all times. No requirement for shorts/pants.
- The Student Dress Code applies during school hours, while travelling to/from school and when on school excursions.
- Detailed lists of actual specified uniform items (Appendix A) will be kept up-to-date and available on request.
- Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, plus watches are the only acceptable jewellery.
- Extreme hair colours, e.g. green or purple rinses and/or extreme hairstyles are not permitted. Shoulder length hair must be tied back.
- Head wear or hair pieces, such as hair ties, elastics, headbands are to be navy or white. Headwear worn as part of cultural/religious beliefs may be worn.
- Other than clear nail polish, cosmetics may not be worn at school.
- All staff and students at the school will wear a 'Sun Protection' hat, i.e. a broad brimmed, legionnaire or a bucket style hat (with a deep crown and brim width of at least 6 cm) from mid August to the end of April. Hats are not to be worn inside.
- When a class has been timetabled with a Physical Education class, a sport appropriate uniform is to be worn, i.e. school light blue polo shirt, navy shorts, skort, navy track pants, white/navy blue socks, runners/sport shoes (minimal colour). No dresses or school shoes.
- Specific sports uniforms may be requested to participate in Interschool Sports i.e. Year 5 and 6.
- House polo shirts are to be worn every Friday except for when special events are being held such as school photos and excursions.
- If a special event falls on a Friday parents will be notified that House polo shirts are not to be worn, i.e. free dress, footy day, lightning premiership.
- The Student Dress Code, including details of uniform items and place of purchase, will be published on the school website or in the school newsletter.
- The price list for the uniform supplier are available upon request.
- Parents are not required to purchase from the uniform shop, but items purchased elsewhere must comply with the requirements and restrictions of colour, style, logo, etc.
- Modesty garments, e.g. bloomers and sport pants, can be worn under school dresses, as long as the garment is predominantly navy and shorter than the dress itself, i.e. cannot be seen.

- The length of a school dress will be closer to knee length.

### Exemptions, Non-compliance:

- Items of clothing that are not accepted as school uniform include cargo pants, jeans, skins, hoodies, slip on, canvas or open toe shoes.
- The official school bag is preferred. Where this is not able, a back pack, endorsed by an Australian professional organisation such as the Australian Physiotherapy Association or the Chiropractors' Association of Australia (<http://www.physiotherapy.asn.au/>), predominantly navy in colour, is expected. No over the shoulder style bags are accepted.
- Parents seeking exemptions to the Student Dress Code due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability, health condition or economic hardship must apply in writing to the Principal.
- Genuine inconvenience such as disruption to household laundry routine associated with poor weather, muddy conditions, etc. must be accompanied with a note from the parent covering that day only.
- Students recently transferred from another school may be given a period of grace before compliance is expected.
- The Principal may exercise discretion to approve exceptions to, or vary, this policy, e.g. school camps, student special needs.
- 'Free dress days'. These may be in conjunction with special celebration days, fundraising or special charity events. The number of 'Free dress days' and the type of clothing unacceptable, will be at the discretion of the Principal and will meet with Sunsmart Protection guidelines, e.g. no open shoulder clothing or open toed shoes.
- Sport uniforms should only be worn in conjunction with the sporting session. Students must be in normal school uniform for the remainder of the school day, excluding House or sporting events.
- Strategies to assist families who may have difficulty meeting the cost of uniform items is provided.
  - The school may make available good quality, clean second hand uniforms, either for sale to parents at minimal cost, or at no charge at the discretion of the Principal.
  - The Principal may, with parent consent, apply to State Schools' Relief for assistance in cases of financial hardship.
- School Council requires the Principal to be responsible for the implementation of the Student Dress Code in a manner consistent with the Student Code of Conduct, i.e. non-compliance of this policy will result in a note sent home, via the classroom teacher, notifying parents of the Uniform non-compliance and the timeline in which this is to be rectified.
- School Councils have the authority to create and implement Student Dress Codes for their students in accordance with DET Policy. The Victorian Government 'Schools Policy and Advisory Guide' outlines current departmental policy of student dress codes.
- School Dress Code reminders will be conducted twice a year at school assembly at approximately Summer and Winter uniform changeover.

### EVALUATION

Guidelines are updated annually and/or as per DET recommendations.

### CERTIFICATION

This policy was ratified at the School Council Meeting held at Patterson Lakes Primary School on August 14<sup>th</sup> 2019.

Signed.....  
  
 School Council President

Signed.....  
  
 Principal

# APPENDIX A

## Uniform List

Patterson Lakes Primary School has determined that the following dress attire is the designated School Uniform.

SUMMER UNIFORM
Wide brimmed hat Navy shorts, skirt or skort ( <i>no netball skirt</i> ) Navy & Sky polo shirt – short or long sleeve ( <i>with school logo</i> ) Blue, White and Navy check dress ( <i>no tights or leggings</i> ) Navy windcheater or Bomber jacket ( <i>with school logo</i> ) White or navy socks Black shoes Runners/sports shoes ( <i>minimal colour</i> )
<i>Note: Year 6 students are permitted to wear the Year 6 Graduation Jacket.</i>
WINTER UNIFORM
Navy tunic or skirt ( <i>no netball skirt</i> ) Navy shorts or track pants (boot leg is permitted) Navy & Sky polo shirt – short or long sleeve ( <i>with school logo</i> ) Navy or Light blue skivvy Navy windcheater or Bomber jacket ( <i>with school logo</i> ) White or navy socks or navy tights
HOUSE UNIFORM
House polo shirts

**Note: Optional Extras (only excepted in navy):** Coats, scarves, beanies, cardigans, gloves, vest. Due to safety regulations, scarves are only able to be worn to and from school (not in the playground or classroom)



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## NON COMPLIANCE OF DRESS CODE POLICY

Dear .....

Your child arrived at school today in breach of the school's Dress Code. The following checklist indicates the specific breach.

Date of breach: .....

The school asks the breach to be addressed by .....

<input type="checkbox"/>	Non compliant hat
<input type="checkbox"/>	Shorts, tunic, skirt, skort, track pants or windcheater not navy blue
<input type="checkbox"/>	Skivvy not navy or light blue
<input type="checkbox"/>	Socks not navy or white
<input type="checkbox"/>	Runners/sports shoes not predominately navy i.e. with minimal colour
<input type="checkbox"/>	School bag not predominately navy
<input type="checkbox"/>	School bag is not a backpack (over the shoulder style bag not accepted)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Earrings are not studs or sleepers
<input type="checkbox"/>	Additional jewellery worn (watches accepted)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Extreme hairstyle or hair color worn
<input type="checkbox"/>	Head wear or hair pieces are not predominately navy or white
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cosmetic makeup worn
<input type="checkbox"/>	Navy, blue & white check dress shorter than knee length (netball skirt not accepted)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Modesty garment not predominately navy or longer than school dress
<input type="checkbox"/>	Shoulder length hair not tied back

### Consequences for Breaching the Dress Code:

Students who are in breach of the dress code will be sent to the office before going to class where loan uniform item/s will be provided for the day, where possible. Parents will be responsible to clean and return the item to the Office.

Yours sincerely,

Carole Mayes  
Principal