



## DRPS POLICY: *Student Dress Code*



### HELP FOR NON-ENGLISH SPEAKERS

If you need help to understand the information in this policy, please contact Diggers Rest Primary School.

### PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Diggers Rest 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 Diggers Rest 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.

The Student Dress Code aims to:

- Foster a sense of community and belonging and encourage students to develop pride in their appearance
- Support Diggers Rest 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 travelling to and from school, during school hours and when attending school activities.

### UNIFORMS AND APPEARANCE

Diggers Rest Primary School's compulsory school uniform items are as follows:

- Navy blue School hat with embroidered school logo (PSW)
- Purple polo shirt, sports polo shirt or long-sleeved polo shirt
- Navy blue, white, or purple skivvy
- Navy blue rugby jumper or bomber jacket
- Navy blue shorts, skort, skirt  
*(must be of an appropriate length for the school environment – mid-thigh or longer)*
- Purple summer dress or grey winter dress
- Navy blue track pants *(no logos)*
- Navy blue, white or grey tights
- White socks



*There are no restrictions on when the Summer or Winter uniforms can be worn.  
Students may choose whichever option is most comfortable or suitable for the weather.*



Additional Items that can be purchased from PSW:

- DRPS School beanie with school logo
- Navy blue Puffa jacket with embroidered school logo

## GENERAL APPEARANCE

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, Diggers Rest 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, provided these undergarments are completely hidden

### Grade 6 Uniform (Optional Uniform Items for Grade 6 Students Only)

Parents and carers of students entering Grade 6 will have the opportunity to purchase a special Grade 6 uniform, which includes a short-sleeved polo and bomber jacket.



Grade 6 short-sleeved polo tops can be purchased directly from PSW throughout the year. Bomber jacket orders and payments are organised by the school during Term 3 of the year prior.

### House Tops (Optional Uniform Item)

DRPS House Tops are a fun and exciting way for students to show house pride, build team spirit and strengthen their sense of belonging within our school community. Designed in consultation with the Student Leadership Team and the DRPS School Council, the House Tops help create enthusiasm and connection during whole-school events and activities.

House Tops are an optional uniform item available for families to purchase if they wish. Students are encouraged to wear their House Tops during approved school events and activities, including:

- Annual DRPS sporting events and carnivals, including:
  - Prep–Year 2 Athletics
  - Year 3–6 Athletics
  - Year 3–6 Cross Country
- Year 3–6 House Sports (one day per week)
- Year 1–2 House Sports (one day per fortnight)
- Approved whole-school special events and celebration days



At all other times, students are expected to wear the full DRPS school uniform in line with the School Uniform Policy. House Tops are not to be worn as a replacement for the regular school uniform outside of approved events or activities.

### Interschool and District Sports

For all Interschool and District Sports events, students must wear the full DRPS school uniform unless otherwise advised by the school. Students who are not in the correct uniform will be unable to attend or participate in these events.

We appreciate the support of families in helping maintain high expectations around student uniform while also celebrating school spirit and house pride.



## **Jewellery and Cosmetics**

Stud earrings, sleepers and watches are the only acceptable jewellery at Diggers Rest Primary School.

Nail polish, if worn, must be in neutral tones.

Make-up is **not** to be worn at school.

## **Health & Safety**

To support student safety and help prevent the spread of head lice, all students with shoulder-length or longer hair are required to have their hair tied up while at school.

**Hats:** School uniform hats must be worn outside during **Terms 1 and 4**. Students are welcome to wear their school hats outside during other terms if they choose to, or if parents prefer it.

Hats are **not** to be worn indoors.

**Sunglasses:** Students are permitted to wear sunglasses during outdoor activities. Sunglasses should be close-fitting, wrap-around style that meet **Australian Standard 1067** and cover as much of the eye area as possible.

## **Sunscreen**

Diggers Rest Primary School encourages all staff and students to apply SPF30 (or higher) broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen daily whenever UV levels reach 3 and above. Sunscreen should be applied at least 20 minutes before going outdoors and reapplied every two hours according to the [manufacturer's instructions](#).

Diggers Rest Primary School staff remind students to apply sunscreen before going outdoors.

Staff and families should role model SunSmart behaviour and are encouraged to apply SPF 30 (or higher) broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen when outside.

At Diggers Rest Primary School, families and staff are provided with information, ideas and practical strategies to support UV safety both at school and at home.

This information will be shared through **school newsletters, Sentral and at school assemblies**.

## **PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS**

Uniform items can be purchased from Primary School Wear (PSW) located at:

<https://www.psw.com.au/schools/diggers-rest-primary-school.html> or 6/106-110 Gap Rd, Sunbury.

## **Support for families experiencing difficulty**

Families experiencing difficulty meeting uniform costs are encouraged to contact the **Principal** or the **DRPS administration team** to discuss available support. This includes information about eligibility for assistance through **State Schools' Relief**.

Further details can also be found on the State Schools' Relief website: <https://www.ssr.net.au>



Diggers Rest Primary School also has a selection of uniforms available for families to **borrow upon request**.

## IMPLEMENTATION

Diggers Rest Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through Sentral, school Newsletters and our website. We will assist students who may be experiencing difficulties complying with this policy where possible.

Students wearing non-compliant uniform items will be asked to change into a compliant item of clothing provided by the school.

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 parent/carers by the classroom teacher.

*Dear Parent/Carer,*

*Just a quick reminder that Diggers Rest Primary School has a compulsory school uniform and we ask that students wear the correct uniform items each day.*

*Our uniform helps build a strong sense of belonging, supports equality, keeps students safe and appropriately dressed for learning and strengthens our school identity and team spirit.*

*We've noticed your child has been wearing an item that doesn't align with our uniform policy. We understand this can happen from time to time and the school can provide a compliant item for the day if needed.*

*If you're experiencing any difficulties or have questions, please feel free to get in touch. We're here to help.*

*Thanks for your ongoing support.*

*Regards,*

If non-compliance with the dress code becomes a continued occurrence, the DRPS Leadership Team will be informed and a message or phone call home will be required. In this event, the school will continue to work with the student and family to support compliance.

Measures taken by Diggers Rest 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.

## 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 DRPS Leadership Team 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 DRPS Leadership Team 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 DRPS Leadership Team 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 or carers.

## CONCERNS ABOUT THIS STUDENT DRESS CODE

Diggers Rest 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*.

## 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
- Discussed in student forums
- Included in the staff manual
- Discussed at staff briefings/meetings as required
- Included in transition and enrolment packs
- Discussed at parent information nights/sessions
- Hard copy available from the school administration upon request

## FURTHER INFORMATION & RESOURCES

- Diggers Rest Primary School SunSmart Policy
- Diggers Rest Primary School Parent Complaint Policy
- Diggers Rest 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](#).

## POLICY REVIEW & APPROVAL

<b>LAST REVIEWED</b>	18/05/2026
<b>CONSULTATION</b>	School Leadership Team (Principal and Assistant Principals) DRPS School Council
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