



## 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:

- Purple summer dress
- Grey winter dress
- Navy blue shorts
- Navy blue skort/skirt
- Navy blue track pants
- Purple polo shirt
- Purple long-sleeved polo shirt
- Navy blue rugby jumper or bomber jacket
- School hat
- White/navy blue socks (if visible)



- Navy blue/white/grey tights
- Navy blue/white/purple skivvy
- Navy blue puffa jacket with embroidered school logo (PSW)
- School beanie (PSW) or navy beanie

*\* There are no restrictions on when the Summer and Winter uniforms can be worn.*

## 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

## Year 6 Uniform

Year 6 Uniform Parents/carers of students going into Year 6 will have the opportunity to purchase a Year 6 uniform (short sleeve polo and jumper). The school will communicate with parents in Term 3 the year prior about this uniform. This uniform is optional.

## 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

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

School uniform hats must be worn outside during terms 1 & 4. School uniform hats may also be worn outside of this time period, by parent or student choice. This content is also provided as an option on the School Policy Templates Portal's template, SunSmart Policy

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.

## 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 [manufacturer's instructions](#).



Diggers Rest Primary School has strategies in place to remind students to apply sunscreen before going outdoors [for example i.e. reminder notices, sunscreen monitors, sunscreen buddies].

At Diggers Rest Primary School students are welcome to attend the school's sick bay to access sunscreen. Staff and students who may suffer from allergic reactions from certain types of sunscreen are encouraged to contact the school office to implement a management plan to reduce the risk of an allergic reaction at school.

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

Families and staff are provided with information, ideas and practical strategies to support UV safety at school and at home. Diggers Rest Primary School may provide families and staff with information through newsletters, noticeboards, school website, 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

Please contact the Principal or DRPS administration 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/>

Diggers Rest Primary School also has uniforms available to families to borrow on request.

## IMPLEMENTATION

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

Students wearing non-compliant uniform items may 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 student and parents by the classroom teacher. If non-compliance 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 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 Principal 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 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.

The Principal or delegate 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 staff handbook/manual
- 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

## FURTHER INFORMATION & RESOURCES

- Diggers Rest Primary School Sunsmart Policy
- Diggers Rest Primary School Parent Complaint Policy



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- 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

LAST REVIEWED	17/06/2025
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