



## Heidelberg Primary School

# STUDENT DRESS CODE POLICY



### Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact Heidelberg Primary School on 94572259.

## PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Heidelberg 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 Heidelberg 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 encourages students to develop pride in their appearance
- support Heidelberg 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 traveling to and from school, during school hours and when attending school activities.

## UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE

The full list of Heidelberg Primary School's compulsory school uniform items are available at Appendix A to this policy.

### General appearance

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

### **Hair and Sun safety**

School uniform hats must be worn outside from 1 September to 30 April 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.

### **PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS**

Uniform items can be purchased from A+ Schoolwear, or parents may order it directly from A+ Schoolwear online, at

<https://www.aplusschoolwear.com.au/ShopPage.aspx?Labels=HEIDELBERG%20P.S>

Heidelberg Primary School Community and Fund raising Subcommittee of School Council also operates a second-hand uniform store for parents. Notice of these sales will appear in the weekly newsletter, Capers.

### **Support for families experiencing difficulty**

Please contact the Principal or [9or nominee) 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**

Heidelberg 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.

Measures taken by Heidelberg 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 in writing 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 nominee 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

Heidelberg 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*, available on our website.

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

## FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Heidelberg Primary School Sunsmart Policy
- Heidelberg Primary School Parent Complaint Policy
- Heidelberg 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 AND APPROVAL

Policy last reviewed	[October 2019
Consultation	School community – weekly newsletter, Capers 17 Nov 2023 All staff – Daily Organisation – Tuesday 15 November 2023 Education Subcommittee 15 November 2023
Approved by	School Council
Next scheduled review date	November 2024

**NOTE: 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 is required.**

## APPENDIX A

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**POLICY REVIEW**

The first two policies have been amended a little to reflect our school situation and therefore are open to comment.. The last one is standard throughout the Department of Education.

- Head lice policy
- Student dress code policy
- Restraint and Seclusion policy

