



Student Dress Code

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Cheltenham 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 Cheltenham 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 Cheltenham 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 Cheltenham 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, Cheltenham 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

Jewellery and cosmetics

Students are encouraged not to wear decorative jewellery to school. Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, and watches, are acceptable jewellery items.

Cosmetics may not be worn at school. Only clear nail polish is permitted.



Hair and Sun safety

Shoulder length or longer hair is to be tied back to help restrict the spread of nits and lice and for student safety.

School uniform hats must be worn outside from September 1st 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 Primary School Wear in Cheltenham

15 Mills Street,
Cheltenham VIC 3192.
Phone: 03 9768 0332
www.psw.com.au

Cheltenham Primary School Parents' Club also operates a second-hand uniform store for parents at selected times throughout the year.

Support for families experiencing difficulty

Please contact the Principal or Assistant Principal 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/>

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

IMPLEMENTATION

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

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.



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

Cheltenham 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, please raise the concern in writing to the School Council.

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Department of Education and Training [Student Dress Code](#)
- Department of Education and Training [Student Engagement policies and guidelines](#).

REVIEW CYCLE

This Student Dress Code was last approved by School Council on September 2015 and is scheduled for review in September 2019



APPENDIX A: CHELTENHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM ITEMS

All year round

The following items may be worn all year round, with either the summer or winter uniform:

Jumper/Jacket/Vest

- Royal blue polar fleece vest with school logo
- Royal blue crew neck windcheater with school logo
- Royal blue bomber jacket - striped rib with school logo

Polo shirts

- Royal blue long and short sleeved with school logo
- Gold pique plain polo shirt with school logo

Pants

Plain, royal blue track pants without decoration or brand name

Female royal blue bootleg pants without decoration or brand name

Shorts

Male royal blue zip pocket shorts with school logo

Skorts

Plain royal blue skorts without decoration or brand name

Footwear

Appropriate footwear is to be worn. Summer sandals with covered toes, black or brown school shoes or pull on school boots or runners are permitted. No thongs or open-toed sandals are permitted.

Headwear

Royal blue beanie

Royal blue safety slouch hat with school logo (to be worn from September 1 to April 30)

Dresses

Summer navy blue, royal blue, yellow and white checked dress

Skivvies

Plain yellow/royal blue skivvy

Sports uniform

Red Shorts