

FLEETWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY



Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact the office: 9705-2281

Purpose

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Fleetwood 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 Fleetwood 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 Fleetwood 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.

Uniform and appearance

The full list of Fleetwood 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, Fleetwood 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.

Jewellery and cosmetics

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

Any smart watches that can make communications (send texts/receive calls) must be signed in each morning at the office. They will be stored securely in a safe until collection (at the end of the day)

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 with neutral or school colour hair bands to help restrict the spread of nits and lice and for student safety.

Hair colour: unnatural hair colour (such as dyed bright colours) is not permitted.

School uniform hats must be worn outside Term 1 and Term 4. 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. Sunglasses should be close-fitting, wrap-around that meet the Australian Standards 1067 and cover as much of the eye area as possible.

Purchase of uniforms

Uniform items can be purchased from PSW -

<https://www.psw.com.au/schools/fleetwood-primary-school.html>

Selected school uniform items can be purchased through Compass (hats and track pants)

Support for families experiencing difficulty

Please contact the Principal or the office 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/>

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

Implementation

Fleetwood Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website, Compass and the school newsletter. 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 Compass notification will be sent to 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

Fleetwood 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 [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
- Included in transition and enrolment packs
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

Further information and resources

- [Complaint Policy](#)
- [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	February 2025
Approved by	Principal + School Council
Next scheduled review date	February 2026

APPENDIX A: FLEETWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL'S UNIFORM ITEMS

Tops

Jumper



Short sleeve polo



Long sleeve polo



Bottoms

Shorts



Skort



Pants



Box Pleat Skirt



Dresses

Box Pleat Tunic



Accessories

School bag



Book bag



Artsmock



Hat



Beanie (optional)



Raincoat (optional)



Shoes

Shoes must be plain black school shoes or plain black runners with no coloured logos and black laces only.

Socks

Plain white or plain black socks must be worn at all times.

Tights

Green tights may be worn during colder weather underneath the school uniform

Headwear

School coloured headbands, hair ribbons, "scrunchies" or headwear worn as part of cultural/religious beliefs. Elastic Bands used to tie up hair may be worn in any colour.

Skivvies (optional)

Skivvies may be worn during colder weather underneath the school uniform. They must be white or black.