



Port Wakefield Primary School

Dress Code Policy

Learning Respect Honesty Teamwork

The purpose of the uniform is to create a sense of community that supports the feeling of belonging in all individuals.

The uniform represents a commitment to the school values which underpin the teaching and learning at Port Wakefield Primary School. Our aim is to have a learning environment that is supportive, positive, non-discriminatory, equitable and safe.

The wearing of the school uniform proudly identifies our students at all times, especially on excursions. It also avoids the issues of competition and purchasing fashionable clothing.

Any changes to the school uniform will involve consultation with the wider school community including the SRC. The final authority for any changes to the School Dress Code rests with the Governing Council.

The Purpose of a Policy

1. The wearing of uniform clothing is an important factor in ensuring the children's safety. It is important that we can clearly recognise a student's association with Port Wakefield.
2. The values of students and parents/caregivers of different nationalities are acknowledged.
3. Awareness of, and sensitivity to students in financially disadvantaged situations has been taken into consideration in relation to the School Dress Code.
4. Our uniform offers affordable clothing for all students. It is flexible, based around the school's colours of yellow and navy.

Port Wakefield Primary School Dress Code

The colours of the uniform are navy and yellow. The uniform consists of:

- Navy bottoms (shorts, track pants, pants, skirts, shorts, no jeans)
- Navy and yellow polo t-shirts (short & long sleeved)
- School dress
- Navy jumper

There is to be no visible labelling except for the school logo on any part of the uniform.

Hair

- We request that students with hair shoulder length or longer have it tied back for HSW reasons and also to reduce the risk of catching head lice.

Jewellery

- Discreet jewellery only for Health & Safety reasons
- No visible piercing other than earlobes.
- Studs or sleeper earrings only.

Footwear

- Sensible, comfortable closed footwear (sneakers preferred)
- No thongs or strappy sandals
- Plain socks or stockings (including sports socks)

No Makeup or coloured nail polish. If children arrive at school with makeup or coloured nail polish on, they will be provided with makeup removal wipes and/or /or nail polish remover to remove the nail polish.

Purchasing Uniform

Parent Club stocks a wide range of new and second hand uniforms. Please contact the school for further details.

Sun Protection Policy

In accordance with the school Sun Protection Policy, the wearing of hats is compulsory in all terms. Hats should be navy and must be a wide brim, bucket design or legionaries as they offer the best protection. All newly enrolled students are issued with a school hat. **All Students who choose not to wear a hat will be required to remain in the Middle Primary shade area.** School hats can be purchased through the school.

Responsibility

Parents:

All parents will receive a copy of this policy and it will be included in the enrolment package. Parents will be expected to supply a suitable hat and clothing for the student's use in school activities. Governing Council stipulates that students must be in uniform within **one month** of enrolment. If there are any difficulties in doing this please contact the school for a payment plan or alternative arrangements.

Governing Council:

Governing Council supports and promotes the Dress Code, and via Parent Club is responsible for the supply of uniforms.

Principal:

Will support the Dress Code and will take appropriate action in relation to any wilful and persistent breach of the Dress Code. The Principal will take the names of students not wearing appropriate clothing and will contact parents either by phone, letter or diary. The Principal will keep a record of consequences and action taken to ensure compliance with the code.

Teachers:

Will refer the Dress Code issues to the Principal if required and distribute letters signed by a Principal if students do not follow the Dress Code.

Exemption

DECD Policy states that Principals may exempt students from the Dress Code Policy upon written request from the parents, on the following grounds:

- Religious
- Cultural or ethnic
- New student (time to purchase)
- Itinerant students
- Financial hardship (Support can be negotiated)
- When there is a genuine medical or family reason for not wearing uniform, the school should be informed in writing.

All students are required to wear clothing consistent with the School's Dress Code at all times. Students not in uniform cannot leave the school ground for any activities/excursions under HSW Act as the uniform supports our duty of care.