



Somerville Primary School Uniform Policy

Policy Name:	Uniform Policy	Date of approval:	11/2015
Responsible:	Principal	Expected review date:	2018

RATIONALE:

In keeping with our intention to improve the image of our school, Somerville Primary School has established Uniform Policy for their students. This Uniform Policy is made under an Order made by the Governor in Council granting all School Councils the authority to create and implement a Student Dress Code for their students.

This Uniform Policy sets out Somerville Primary School Council's expectations with regard to student appearance and applies during school hours and when students are engaged in school activities out of school hours. School uniform should be worn in a respectful manner.

AIMS:

This Dress Code has been adopted:

- to create a sense of collective and individual pride in students and their identification with the school;
- to remove the sense of competition in dress which can often cause distress amongst students; and
- to improve the safety of Somerville Primary students by making them instantly recognisable in any group when the students are on excursions.

IMPLEMENTATION:

The Uniform Policy will apply to all students.

The School Council has therefore decided that all students attending Somerville Primary School will wear clothing in a style and colours which are in keeping with the school uniform.

Somerville Primary school colours are royal blue and gold.

The school uniform consists of the following range of items:

Clothing:

All clothing items must either have the Somerville logo or no logo at all.

School Colours~ Royal Blue and Gold

No Brand name clothing

Tights ~ Navy Blue

Socks – Navy Blue or White

Windcheater

Bomber jackets & fleecy cardigans - royal blue with gold striped trim

Track suit pants - royal blue

Shorts - royal blue,

Skirts - royal blue

Polo shirts and T-shirts - royal blue

Summer dress - royal blue & gold check on white background, Tights or leggings are NOT to be worn with the summer uniform

Winter pinafore/skirt

Hats – Sunsmart style in royal blue.

Scrunchie/ Hair ties and ribbons in school colours. Hair accessories to be in school colours. Neutral tones for hair ties are also acceptable.

Scarves and Beanies~ Navy Blue, Royal Blue or Gold only.

Footwear:

Socks: Navy blue or white

Tights : Navy blue

Shoes: We recommend black sturdy shoes or runners. Shoes must be suitable for activities.

Canvas or light shoes are NOT policy as they are considered a fashion item and not safe or suitable for school purpose.

For safety reasons thongs/surf thongs are not permitted at school.

Open toes sandals ARE NOT safe or appropriate

Jewellery

Earrings: For safety reasons only plain studs or sleepers should be worn. Decorative or ear rings are not included in this policy.

Other jewellery: It is advised that expensive jewellery items not be brought to school. No responsibility will be accepted by the school for lost or damaged items. Necklaces can cause injury to the wearer and should not be worn.

Make up / Hair

No makeup or nail polish should be worn to school.

Shoulder length hair should be tied back and tidy.

All students are required to wear a SunSmart school hat from 1st September until 30th April. In line with "Sunsmart" policy, children who do not have a sunsmart hat will be restricted to playing under the man made sheltered areas.

For the safety of our students and to provide a sense of unity in public, Somerville Primary students will not be allowed to attend excursions or trips etc outside the school unless they comply with the requirements of the Uniform Policy.

In adopting this Uniform Policy the School Council has ensured that the style of clothing is reasonable by contemporary standards, is suitable to the activities a student may be expected to perform, and health and safety issues have been considered.

The school may also declare "free dress" days where students are allowed to wear clothing other than that stipulated in the Uniform Policy.

Where exception to Uniform Policy is required, parents should make contact with the Principal. If it is a temporary matter (ie. failure to have clothing washed/dried, waiting for items to be replaced through an order placed at the uniform shop, etc) a letter should be sent to the student's teacher explaining the situation. A Uniform Pass will be issued and/or students in incorrect uniform, if available, will be lent uniform items for the school day

Enforcement of the Uniform Policy:

The following procedure will be implemented when this Uniform Policy is not followed and no written explanation is received.

- 1) The principal will send a standard letter to the parent reminding them of their responsibility in ensuring the adherence to the school's Uniform Policy.
- 2) If this fails to solve the matter, the principal will arrange a meeting with the parents to discuss the matter. If no satisfactory explanation is given the matter will be referred to the School Council.
- 3) In dealing with such cases every endeavour will be made to ensure the student is not made to feel uncomfortable. All representations will be taken up with the student's parents. All prospective students and parents will be notified of the Student Dress Code requirements prior to enrolment at the school.

Transition Period:

Students who transfer into the school may wear the uniform of their previous school until these need to be replaced.

EVALUATION:

This policy will be reviewed on a regular basis to ensure that it reflects the changing needs of the school community. Reviews of the Uniform Policy will be handled by School Council and will involve a process of consultation with the community. In addition, the Uniform policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle.