



Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy, please contact the office on 59775421

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Somerville 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 Somerville 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 Somerville 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

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

For the full list of Somerville Primary School's compulsory school uniform items please refer to Appendix A in this policy.

General appearance

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, students must comply with the following:

- Uniforms must be clean and in good repair
- Uniforms should 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
- Studs, sleepers and watches (excluding smart watches) are the only acceptable jewellery
- Any make up or nail polish (including acrylic/press on nails) is not permitted
- Hair should not be dyed

Health and safety

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

Jewellery, nails, hair accessories and similar items that interfere with students' ability to engage with school activities safely and fully are not permitted.

School uniform hats must be worn outside from mid-August (exact date to be set by the school annually) 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.

PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS

Uniform items can be purchased from [PSW](#).

Somerville School also operates a second-hand uniform store for parents. Please contact the school Office if you would like to purchase any second-hand uniform (second-hand uniform is subject to availability).

The School Council has considered affordability in the development of this dress code. However, if you are facing difficulty meeting uniform costs the [Help with school costs and fees](#) page provides advice on support offered by the Victorian Government. If your child is starting prep or year 7 and is eligible to receive support via the [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund](#), you may be eligible to access the Affordable School Uniform (ASU) program.

Please contact the Principal to discuss support that we may be able to provide.

IMPLEMENTATION

Somerville 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.

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 the parents. 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.

Measures taken by Somerville 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 acknowledge that there might be instances where the enforcement of this dress code could impact students differently.

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 financial 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.

Free Dress Days

The school may also declare 'Free Dress' days where students are allowed to wear clothing other than that stipulated in the Uniform Policy. Clothing must comply with the SunSmart Policy, General Appearance section and Health Safety section of this policy.

CONCERNS ABOUT THIS STUDENT DRESS CODE

Somerville 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*.

COMMUNICATION

This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways:

- Available publicly on our school's website (or insert other online parent/carers/student communication method)
- Reminders in our school newsletter
- Discussed in student forums
- Included in staff handbook/manual
- Discussed at staff briefings/meetings as required

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Somerville Primary School Sunsmart Policy
- Somerville Primary School Parent Complaint Policy
- Somerville 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	04/03/2026
Consultation	School Council & School Community
Approved by	Principal – Jamie Sharp
Next scheduled review date	04/03/2030

APPENDIX A: SOMERVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM ITEMS

ALL YEAR ROUND

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

Outerwear

Hooded Windcheater - Royal Blue and Gold with Logo
Year 6 Hooded Windcheater - Design Changed Yearly
Bonded Jacket - Royal Blue and Gold with Logo

Tops

Polo Shirt (Short Sleeve) – Royal Blue and Gold with Logo
Year 6 Polo Shirt (Short Sleeve) – Design Changed Yearly
Polo Shirt (Long Sleeve) – Royal Blue and Gold with Logo

Bottoms

Pants – Royal Blue (No leggings or bike shorts)
Shorts – Royal Blue
Skort – Royal Blue
Tights – Navy (to be worn with the tunic only)

Dresses

Summer Dress – Checkered Navy Blue/Royal Blue/White/Gold
Winter Tunic – Checkered Navy Blue/Royal Blue/Gold

Note:

- Tights, leggings or pants are not to be worn underneath the summer dress, shorts or skort
- Leggings or pants are not to be worn underneath the winter tunic (tights only)

Socks

Socks – White or Navy

Footwear

Appropriate footwear to be worn that is suitable for school. This includes but is not exclusive to:

- Black sturdy lace up
- Velcro or buckle shoes
- Runners that are to be predominantly black or white with no brightly coloured laces

Accessories

Hair Band with Bow – Checkered Navy Blue/Royal Blue/White
Scrunchie – Checkered Navy Blue/Royal Blue/White

NB: Any hair accessories should be of an appropriate size and in school colours.

Hats – to be worn from mid-August to 30 April

Sunsmart Hat – Royal Blue
Beanie – Royal Blue/Gold/White with logo