Fawkner Primary School

Student Dress Code Policy - 2025

Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy, please contact the School Administration office.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to describe Fawkner 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 Fawkner 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 Fawkner Primary School's commitment to ensuring that our students feel equal and are dressed safely and appropriately for school activities
- enhance the profile and identity of the school and its students within the wider community.
- Prepare students for future dress standards supporting modesty and appropriateness.

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

Fawkner Primary School's **compulsory** school uniform items are as follows:

- Hat, with school logo (Term 1 & 4)
- Windcheater or Bomber Jacket, with school logo
- Polo Shirt, Long or Short Sleeved, with school logo
- Tracksuit Pants, Surf Pants, Shorts in royal blue
- School Dress, royal blue and white check
- Enclosed shoes (NO SANDLES or CROCS)

Fawkner Primary School's **optional** school uniform items are as follows:

- Leggings either in royal blue or navy
- Hijab royal blue ONLY and NO decorations
- Boys skull cap
- White long sleeve top under compulsory uniform items
- Grade 6 tops (Grade 6 students only)
- Camp Tops (Camp attendees only)

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 condition
- Uniforms should be clearly marked with the student's name
- Additional layers of clothing may be worn underneath the uniform for added warmth, e.g. long sleeve white top
- Studs, sleepers (no dangling earrings) and watches (no SMART watches) are the only acceptable jewellery
- No make up or nail polish to be worn

Health and safety

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

School uniform hats must be worn outside in term 1 and term 4 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**. 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 the school office (8am – 4pm) during term time.

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 or the business manager to discuss support that we may be able to provide.

IMPLEMENTATION

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

In the event a student is unable to wear uniform to school the parent or carer must notify the school of the reason. Notification methods include speaking directly to the school or office, messaging via Class Dojo or Compass or by sending a written note.

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.

Measures taken by Fawkner 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 exceptional instances where the enforcement of this dress code could impact students differently.

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 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.

CONCERNS ABOUT THIS STUDENT DRESS CODE

Fawkner 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*, available on the school website.

COMMUNICATION

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

- Available publicly on our school's website
- Available on Compass
- Reminders in our school newsletter
- Discussed in student forums
- Discussed at staff meetings as required
- Included in transition and enrolment packs
- Discussed at parent information sessions
- Hard copy, available from school administration upon request

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Fawkner Primary School Sunsmart Policy
- Fawkner Primary School Parent Complaint Policy
- Fawkner 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

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