



# Armadale Primary School Student Dress Code

## PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Armadale 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 Armadale Primary School's School Council in consultation with our school community to ensure that it respects the rights of individual students whilst reflecting the values and interests of our community. Community consultation will next take place in June 2021 to reflect the needs 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 Armadale 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 traveling to and from school, during school hours and when attending school activities.

## UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE

The full list of Armadale 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, Armadale 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.

### **Hair and Sun safety**

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

School uniform hats must be worn outside from September 1<sup>st</sup> to 30 April and on any other day prescribed by the school and according to our sun-smart policy. 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 Primary School Wear** at 12 Strathalbyn Street, Kew East VIC 3102 or by phone: (03) 9768 0381 or parents may order it directly from the website at:

<https://www.psw.com.au/>

Armadale Primary School also operates a second-hand uniform store for parents. Parents may access this in our community room and a gold coin donation to the office is requested.

### **Support for families experiencing difficulty**

Please contact Rochelle Cukier, Principal or Lisa Romeo, Business Manager 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/>

## **IMPLEMENTATION**

Armadale Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website and in information booklets to prospective parents. We will assist students who may be experiencing difficulties complying with this policy where possible.

Measures taken by Armadale 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 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

Armadale 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 our website

### FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Armadale Primary School Sunsmart Policy
- Armadale Primary School Raising Concerns and Complaints Policy
- Armadale 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](#).

### REVIEW CYCLE

This Student Dress Code was last approved by School Council on August 3<sup>rd</sup> 2020 and is scheduled for review in August 2021

## **APPENDIX A: ARMADALE PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM ITEMS**

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

### **All year round**

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

#### **Jumper or Vest**

Navy polar fleece jacket or vest with school logo, navy bomber jacket  
Open Hem Rugby Windcheater

#### **Polo shirts**

Light blue long and short sleeved with school logo.

#### **Skorts**

Plain navy skorts without decoration or brand name and in winter can be worn with navy blue tights/stockings.

#### **Socks or tights/stockings**

Navy blue socks  
Navy blue tights/stockings

#### **Footwear**

Appropriate footwear is to be worn. Runners and sports shoes are acceptable

#### **Headwear**

Navy blue, green or white head bands, 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.

### **Summer Uniform – to be worn in Terms 1 and 4**

#### **Dresses**

Summer blue and white checked dress

#### **Shorts**

Plain navy blue shorts without decoration or brand name

### **Winter Uniform – to be worn in Term 2 and 3**

#### **Pants**

Plain, navy blue track pants without decoration or brand name

#### **Dresses**

Box Pleat Tunic

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

Navy broadbrim without decoration or brand name.

### **Sports uniform**

S/S Sublimated Raglan Polo

There are also specific uniform requirements for students participating in specialist sports such as basketball and Football. These uniforms are provided by the school for the duration of the sports season.