

<p style="text-align: center;">Huntly Primary School</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Student Dress Code Policy</p>	
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PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Huntly Primary School's requirements for student dress and appearance and to provide information about uniform purchase and support, dress code implementation and exemption processes.

Philosophy:

At Huntly Primary School we believe a uniform dress code reinforces in students a pride in their appearance, instils recognition of themselves as part of the school and the community and develops ongoing connectedness to the school and the community.

We believe a sense of acknowledgement and pride in representing the school is fostered through wearing a uniform. Students are expected to wear a sun smart hat which protects the face, neck and ears whenever they are outside from the beginning of September to the end of April (An especially high UV rating outside these dates may lead to notification to parents via COMPASS). We believe the values of equality, health and safety, and expense are also factors that contribute to the ongoing need for a uniform policy.

Aims:

- To promote equality amongst all students.
- To further develop a sense of pride in, and identification with our school.
- To provide durable clothing that is cost effective and practical for our school environment.
- To maintain and enhance the positive image of the school in the community.
- To ensure the safety of staff and students in school and all school activities.
- To protect their faces, necks and ears from the sun while at school.
- To encourage students to present themselves appropriately as a student, for example, shorts of an appropriate length.
- To encourage students to present themselves appropriately for a particular role such as School Captain.

SCOPE

Wearing of the school uniform as laid out below is compulsory for all students during school hours, while travelling to and from school and on school excursions of representing the school, e.g. school photos, ANZAC Day Service etc.

UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE

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

Uniform

- Shorts- navy blue (Please note, visible leggings underneath are not part of the uniform and should not be worn.)
- Skorts- navy blue (Please note, visible leggings underneath are not part of the uniform and should not be worn.)
- Track pants – navy blue (With no trim in another colour.)

- HPS Polo top – royal blue
- HPS Jacket/Jumper – navy & gold top
- Appropriate footwear is to be worn. Summer sandals with covered toes, black or brown school shoes or pull on school boots or runners are permitted. No thongs or open-toed sandals are permitted
- Hats – to be worn from September to April (Navy broadbrim/bucket without decoration or brand name).
- Navy school beanie
- Dresses- (Navy blue checked dress)

General appearance

- T-shirts, jumpers and jackets must include the school logo.
- 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.

Jewellery and cosmetics

- Stud earrings and sleepers worn only in the ears. No dangling earrings or other facial jewellery is acceptable due to health and safety aspects.
- Watches, earrings, bracelets and necklaces are the only acceptable jewellery.
- Any jewellery must be removed on request for any type of physical or contact sporting activities.
- Staff have the ability to request students remove facial jewellery for safety reasons.
- Cosmetics may not be worn at school. Only clear nail polish is permitted.

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.

- Hats that are consistent with Huntly Primary Schools Sunsmart Policy must be worn outside from the beginning of September until the end of April every year. Baseball caps are not acceptable head wear at Huntly Primary School.
- Hats and beanies are not to be worn inside.
- Student names can be embroidered onto hats, shirts and jumpers on the outside in yellow thread if desired.
- On out of uniform / casual dress days, clothing must comply with our Sunsmart policy.

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 LOWES in Bendigo

School Parents' Group also operates a second-hand uniform store for parents. Parent's Group will communicate

Support for families experiencing difficulty

Please contact the Principal 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

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

Students who are out of uniform are required to have a note signed by a parent or guardian. 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.

During physical education and sport students wearing dresses are encouraged to wear appropriate undergarments or bring appropriate alternative clothing to change into for sessions.

Unsuitable clothing, as determined by Principal or classroom teacher for these days includes:

- Tops with unacceptable slogans or illustrations, without sleeves, bare midriffs or plunging necklines on boys or girls.
- Pants that are worn below the hips.
- Micro mini shorts and skirts.
- Sandals, platform/high heel shoes, thongs and shoes without backs.

Parents will be contacted and asked to bring suitable clothing to the school or to collect the child for anyone in unacceptable clothing. In cases where a student wears unacceptable clothing multiple times they will be sent to the Principal.

School Council requires the Principal be responsible for implementation of the Dress Code in a manner consistent with the Student 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.

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- HPS Sunsmart Policy
- HPS Parent Complaint Policy
- HPS 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 21st October, 2019 and is scheduled for review in October 2021

APPENDIX A: EXAMPLE SCHOOL UNIFORM ITEMS