



## DRESS CODE

Para Vista Primary School's uniform plays an important role in promoting a positive image of the school and creating a sense of identity among students and the community. It is expected that all students follow the school dress code at all times which is strongly supported by our Governing Council, community, students, and staff.

Our School colours are forest green, black and white.

The following considerations influenced decisions on our dress code:

- Create a positive school image and develop a high standard of appearance
- Ensure staff can easily identify all students in the school grounds, and whilst representing the school off-site
- Reduce peer pressure and promote a sense of equality, inclusiveness and pride in our school
- Clothing should be neat, attractive, comfortable and hardwearing that is easily laundered, affordable and readily available
- The style of clothing allows both boys and girls to participate equitably in all sporting activities and programmes within the school.
- Footwear should be strong and firm fitting; suitable for safe and active participation

### Sun Safety

Para Vista Primary School is a SunSmart school so students must wear sun safe hats and wear tops that cover their shoulders when outdoors in both lesson and play times. Suitable sunhat styles are wide brimmed or legionnaires as recommended by the Anti-Cancer Foundation. Students who do not have a suitable hat cannot play or participate in sport activities in the direct sunlight. Hats must be worn in terms 1, 3 and 4 and when the UV radiation level is 3 and above. Para Vista legionnaire and bucket hats can be purchased from the school.

### Dress Code Options

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| • Shorts, skirts, pants and skorts                | black                        |
| • Short or long-sleeved polo shirts and t-shirts- | forest green or white        |
| • Windcheaters, jumpers and jackets               | forest green                 |
| • Summer dress                                    | green and white check        |
| • Scarves and hijabs                              | forest green, black or white |
| • Legionnaire or bucket hats                      | forest green with logo       |

Plain long sleeve black tops can be worn under dresses or short sleeve tops.

In addition to the above uniform Year 7 students have an option of ordering a Commemorative Jumper in term 1. These jumpers are personalised and list the names of all Year 7 students in that year.

The Para Vista Primary School Uniform Shop stocks a range of tops, jumpers, jackets, hats and summer dresses, which are available through the School's QKR App and will be sent home with students or may be purchased through the front office. These items are good quality and reasonably priced.

It is essential that students' clothing is marked with their name to enable easy identification. Unclaimed, unnamed lost clothing is deposited in a lost property box. At the end of each term items will be re-sold as second-hand uniforms.

Donations of good quality second-hand uniforms are welcome. A limited supply of second-hand uniforms will be available for sale.

Appropriate SunSmart clothing and footwear must be worn on casual days.

Any uniform ideas or feedback you have can be submitted to the governing Council for consideration.

### **Unacceptable Clothing**

- No baseball hats/caps
- No jeans
- No t-shirts with large or offensive messages or pictures
- No torn or defaced clothing
- No printed clothing (other than the school logo or lettering)
- No sleeveless, halter neck or midriff tops or very short skirts or shorts which will lead to excessive exposure to the sun or are otherwise inappropriate/impractical
- No necklaces, dangling earrings or chokers. The only forms of jewellery acceptable are ear studs or small sleepers (for safety reasons) and watches. Exceptions may be jewellery which has cultural or religious significance. Any other piercings need to be covered with a band-aid for Health and Safety reasons.
- No thongs or similar slip on, clogs, platform, ugg boots or high heeled shoes.

In addition:

- No makeup or coloured nail polish should be worn unless endorsed by the school e.g. for a performance

We understand that there are occasions when there are exceptional circumstances. If this is the case, please write a note to the class teacher.

### **Exemption**

All students are expected to abide by this Dress Code Policy when attending school or going on excursions. Parents may apply for a temporary exemption from the dress code policy by written request to the Principal.

Pursuant to Education Regulations 2012, section 86 (5), the Principal may exempt a student from the school dress code upon receipt of a written request from a parent of each student. Grounds on which parents may seek an exemption include:

- religious (clothing or adornments, unless the item poses an unacceptable risk to safety)
- cultural or ethnic
- new students (time to purchase, wear previous uniform)
- itinerant and mobile students
- financial hardship
- genuine medical or family sickness reasons and
- other additional grounds as the School Governing Council/Leadership Team may determine.

- All staff will be notified of exemptions and no student will be disadvantaged by this exemption.

To minimise the possibility of conflict, the School must ensure sensitive and careful consideration when approving an exemption.

### **Non-Compliance**

Students not in dress code and without a note from their parents will be asked to report to the Office to change into an appropriate uniform item and/or remove the non-uniform item. They will be reminded about the dress code rules and given a note to take home for their parents regarding the dress code expectations.

Parents may be contacted to deliver the appropriate uniform item. The non-uniform item will be placed securely into the students' bag or placed into a bag, clearly labelled with the date, name of the teacher and student and stored in the Office; the item can be collected at the end of the day.

- First Instance – Reminder note home to parent/caregiver
- Ongoing non-compliance with the Dress Code Policy will be addressed by the Leadership Team.

Students will be expected to remove jewellery, make up, nail polish and fashion accessories if they arrive at school wearing these items. Non-compliance will be addressed by Leadership.

### **Staff Authority**

In defining what may not be worn and what does not constitute the school's dress code, the Principal, in consultation with staff, has the authority to request that certain items of clothing or accessories are not worn at school. This addresses the issue of new and/or fad clothing or accessories that students may wish to wear to school that are not deemed appropriate. Parents will be informed of such decisions by newsletter.

### **Legislation and Policy**

This policy has been developed in accordance to the instructions outlined in the *Department for Education School dress code procedure*, pursuant to regulation 86 of the Education Regulations 2012 and Cancer Council SA's SunSmart policy. This policy was updated October 2019 in consultation with staff and Governing Council. This policy will be reviewed every three years or as required.