

Rationale

All public schools are required to have a dress code and students are required to comply with the code unless they have been granted an exemption.

At Ardross Primary School, our staff and School Board have established a Dress Code for all students attending the school.

At Ardross Primary School...

The wearing of the school uniform at all times is encouraged.

Modification of the school uniform to meet the religious or medical needs of individual students can be granted by the Principal.

The P&C operates a school uniform shop. Orders can be completed online through the school website or by visiting the uniform shop in person.

Clothing of the same style and colour may be purchased from alternative sources.

Acceptance of enrolment at Ardross PS assumes that parents will support the school's dress code.

Benefits of a Dress Code

A Dress Code...

- *Promotes a positive image of the school.*
- *Creates a sense of community and belonging among students.*
- *Promotes safety of students through easier identification.*
- *Keeps costs of clothing within reasonable limits for parents.*
- *Assists students to learn the importance of appropriate presentation.*

Student Dress Code Requirements

Polo Shirt	Yellow with school logo
Shorts	Bottle green and no longer than knee length
Sports skirt or skort	Bottle green
Dress	Green and white check
Jacket	Bottle green with zip (preferably with school logo)
Track pants or cargo pants	Bottle green
Rain jacket	Bottle green (Nylon, fleece lined preferably with school logo)

Bottle green or black leggings may be worn under a school dress, skirt or skort but not as a solo item.

*Denim, beanies, and board shorts **ARE NOT** considered part of our dress code.*

*Shirts and shorts with slogans, messages, picture designs or advertising **ARE NOT** acceptable.*

Additional

Footwear	<p>Sneakers, sandals, or enclosed shoes are required. Thongs or slip-on shoes (including Crocs) ARE NOT appropriate.</p> <p>It is recommended that all footwear be suitable for physical activity.</p> <p>Socks must not reach above the knee. Bold, bright socks are not permitted.</p>
Hats	<p>A bottle green broad-brimmed (8-10cm) hat is to be worn outside all year round. All other hats ARE NOT considered acceptable.</p>
Sports	<p>Students should have a Faction polo shirt (Faction colour with white stripe containing the faction name).</p> <p>Faction shirts are to be worn ONLY on Physical Education or school sports days. Students are encouraged to wear sneakers/trainers during all Phys Ed lessons.</p> <p>The Physical Education teacher will ensure that interschool sports uniforms are available for selected students (if applicable).</p>
Jewellery	<p>Only studs or sleeper earrings, watches, and cultural and medical bracelets may be worn. No other jewellery is considered appropriate.</p> <p>When participating in physical activity, students may be required to remove items of jewellery.</p> <p>Smart watches or other wearable devices with internet connectivity must be in aeroplane mode.</p>
Hair & Make-Up	<p>Hair which is shoulder-length or below should be tied back at all times. Fringes must be kept out of the eyes (either cut short or clipped back).</p> <p>Permanent unnatural colour hair dye is NOT allowed. The use of temporary hair dye is acceptable only during sports carnivals and themed dress-up days.</p> <p>Cosmetics ARE NOT permitted unless culturally appropriate.</p>
Graduation Shirt	<p>The Graduation (Leavers') shirt is only to be worn by students in Year 6, and is considered to be part of the school uniform. Graduation shirts are to feature the school colours, have the school logo on the front, and the graduating students' names and year on the back.</p> <p>All Year 6 students should acquire a graduation shirt as they may be required to wear this on special occasions.</p>
River Rangers	<p>The River Rangers shirt is to be blue and include the school's name and appropriate insignia.</p> <p>The school will provide each selected student with a River Rangers shirt.</p> <p>The River Rangers shirt is to be worn while participating in official River Rangers Activities.</p>

Uniform Supply

In accordance with Ardross Primary School's Vision, School Values and Sustainability Policy, consideration will be given to issues of sustainability and ethics when sourcing uniform items to be sold through the School.

Procedures for Non-Compliance with the Dress Code

At Ardross Primary School, breaches of the dress code (student) will result in:

- Parents being notified that their child is inappropriately dressed.
- Assistance or support to obtain suitable clothing (if necessary).
- Counselling of the students on the expectations and benefits of the school uniform.
- Students not following the dress code will be unable to attend excursions, or represent the school at interschool events, community events or official school functions.

Procedures for Granting exemption by the Principal

An application for exemption and any exemption granted may apply to individuals, all students at the school, or to all students in a specific category. Where an exemption applies, students should still be neat and dressed in accordance with other provisions in the school's Uniform Policy.

Under Regulation 35(2) of the School Education Regulations 2000, the principal may provide an exemption on any of the following grounds:

- the unavailability of an item.
- a matter relating to the student's health.
- a matter relating to the religious beliefs of the student or the student's family.
- a matter relating to the cultural background of the student or the student's family; or
- any other matter which, in the principal's opinion, is sufficient to exempt the student from complying with the requirement.

Under Regulation 35(4) of the School Education Regulations 2000, the details of an exemption must include:

- each requirement of the Uniform Policy which the student is exempt from complying with.
- the time period for which the exemption has effect.
- the grounds for the exemption; and
- any relevant condition.

Procedures for changing dress code

Under Section 128(d) of the School Education Act 1999 *the school board determines, in consultation with students, their parents and staff of the school, a dress code for students.*

A comprehensive consultation process must be undertaken inclusive of different cultural, religious, ethnic and other special needs groups to ensure the dress code reflects the values and views of the entire school community. Regular review of the Dress Code should occur to ensure the dress code continues to meet the needs of the school community. Implementation of the Dress Code is the responsibility of the Principal.

Changes to dress codes should be:

- based on advice from students, parents and staff

- based on information from regular reviews of the dress code, including patterns of exemption granted to date
- introduced only after reasonable notification to parents (as per Reg 34 of the School Education Regulations 2000)

When developing or changing the dress code, the school must:

- Offer gender neutral options
- Meet local circumstances, the needs of individual students and general safety and equity standards
- Consider clothing that is comfortable, affordable, appropriate for incidental play and physical activity and suitable for all body shapes

Changes to the dress code must include a consultation process that:

- Seeks the views of parents, teachers and students
- Seeks out and considers the views of different cultural, religious, ethnic or special needs groups within the school community
- Allows for careful consideration of garment design, materials and the cost implications of items

The consultation process may include surveys, public meetings, student meetings, information published in newsletters or School website, and visual displays of fabric colours and types.

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