

# **Dress Code Policy**



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## **Purpose**

This policy provides guidelines for the implementation of Department of Education Dress Codes for Students in Public Schools policy and Procedures at Denmark Primary School. The policy provides clear school expectations for students, parents and staff about how students should dress at school and school events. This document sets out the agreed measures for handling situations where students are not following our Dress Code and grounds for modification or exemption for individuals.

## **Rationale**

The benefits of having a shared understanding of our Dress Code are:

- Students have practical and safe clothing for school
- Encourages a sense of belonging and pride in being part of our school community
- Encourages equality among students
- Enhances the public image of the school
- Helps students understand the importance of appropriate dress
- Fosters safety of students through easier identification

## **Dress Code Requirements**

### **Students are expected to wear:**

- Green polo shirt with collar with long or short sleeves
- Black pants /shorts/ skort/ leggings
- Bottle green jumper (not hoodies) or school jacket
- Shoes/runners appropriate for running/climbing
- Faction coloured polo shirt with a collar for special events

### **Students can wear:**

- A faction coloured polo shirt on Mondays
- A green and white checked dress
- A green beanie hat with school logo

### **Only Year 6 Students can wear:**

- Year 6 green and gold polo shirt
- Year 6 leavers jumpers – organised by Year 6 teachers, design to be approved by the Principal

### **Please note:**

- Kindy and pre-primary students usually have bare feet during the day.
- Students must wear a bottle green broad-brimmed or bucket hat in Terms 1 and 4 but they can wear hats all year round if they wish.
- Y1-6 students can wear Cancer Council approved sunglasses with black frames outdoors during Terms 1 and 4. Students must be responsible for their sunglasses and be respectful when wearing them.
- Hair beyond shoulder length is to be tied back.
- Students may have small stud earrings or sleepers in ears but other body piercing and additional decorative jewellery are not permitted due to safety concerns.
- The following are also not permitted; wearing of make-up including false nails, items of clothing with large advertising logos or graphics, shirts with obscenities and any denim clothing.
- Beanies, scarves, bandanas, sweatbands and headbands are not to be worn during the school day.

## Compliance with the Dress Code

- All students are expected to meet dress requirements in this policy unless an exemption has been granted.
- Parents are responsible for ensuring that their children's presentation meets the Dress Code.
- Staff model appropriate presentation. Staff also make sure that students and parents are aware of the Dress Code expectations and affirm students who are meeting the Dress Code

## Non- compliance with the Dress Code

We will ensure that procedural fairness and, cultural and personal sensitivity, are considered when dealing with issues of non-compliance with our Dress Code. Our approach will be supportive not punitive esp

In line with our Positive Behaviour Support Program, staff will prompt, re-direct and re-teach dress expectations and reward students meeting the code. If non-compliance continues teachers may contact parents to help and support them to ensure their children meet the Dress Code. Staff are encouraged to seek advice/support from the Executive Team about student non-compliance.

The Principal can prevent a student who is not conforming to our Dress Code from attending any activity in which the student would have been representing the school. The Principal can also prevent the student from attending, or participating, in any school activity which, in the opinion of the Principal, is not an essential part of the student's educational program.

## Exemptions to the Dress Code

Any request for a student to be exempt from meeting the Dress Code must be made, in writing, to the principal.

The Principal may grant exemptions based on unavailability of an item, a health issue, cultural or religious beliefs of the student or their family or any other issue the principal deems sufficient. Exemptions are managed according to the principles of equity, fairness and consistency. They may be formal or informal and cover short or long term periods.

## Clothing suppliers

The Denmark Co-op on Strickland St is the exclusive supplier of our school uniform with the school logo.



Students are reminded that whilst in uniform they should demonstrate our whole school expectations.