

## Dress Code Policy and Procedures

This procedure is applicable to: Paringa Park Primary School Community.

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## **1. Title**

Paringa Park Primary School Dress Code Policy and Procedures.

## **2. Purpose**

To make explicit the expectations regarding the wearing of the school uniform by all children.

## **3. Scope**

This policy identifies the rationale behind wearing the Paringa Park Primary School uniform and documents acceptable clothing, footwear and accessories.

## **4. Objectives**

We believe that a school dress code provides a sense of community that engenders the feeling of belonging and safety in all individuals. Our aim is to have a learning environment that is supportive, positive, non-discriminating, equitable and safe. Our governing council has determined that the wearing of the school uniform and following the school's policy is important for all children. Our uniform offers affordable clothing for all children. It is flexible and based around the school's colours of navy blue, bottle green and yellow. Our school adheres to the SunSmart Guidelines as outlined by the Cancer Council of SA.

### **Children are required to wear uniform because it provides:**

- identification with the school - the wearing of uniform clothing is an important factor in ensuring the children's safety. It is important that we can clearly recognise a child's association with Paringa Park Primary, both within and outside of the school yard
- security, as children are easily identified
- a sense of pride in belonging to this school
- children with clothing which allows for freedom of movement, safety, and comfort
- equity, since children do not need to dress competitively which avoids the issue of purchasing expensive clothing and can help minimise the opportunity for harassment
- the opportunity for children to feel respect for themselves and others because of their positive image
- a lower cost to families in the long term

## **5. Procedure detail**

Children in all year levels are expected to follow the dress code at school and at official school events and excursions, unless otherwise instructed by staff. Children are expected to wear the uniform in the manner designed, and it is to be clean and in good repair. Items of clothing and hats should be clearly labelled with child's name. Parents are encouraged to purchase Ragtags to sew into garments which sends a SMS to parents when an item is returned to lost property in the front office.

### **Acceptable clothing styles and accessories**

- polo shirts - school issued or plain bottle green
- skivvy - plain bottle green (navy only when under a tunic)
- jumper - polar fleece, school issued striped rugby or plain bottle green
- identified senior school windcheater
- pants - navy blue cargo, bootleg or school issued with gold piping

- shorts – navy blue soft short, unisex or cargo shorts
- skirt/skort – navy with bike pants underneath
- school dress (summer) – school issued
- school pinafore – (winter material) school issued
- hat – bottle green bucket hat
- wrist watch
- sun safe sunglasses (outside only) blue, black or white
- scarf/gloves – green, navy blue, gold
- socks in neutral or school colours – tights in navy blue

### **Hats**

Hats are to be worn term 1, 3 and 4 and whenever UV radiation levels reach 3 or above. Children must wear school hats which protect the face, neck and ears (e.g. legionnaire, broad brimmed or bucket) whenever they are outside, e.g. sport, sports practice, sports carnivals, outdoor excursions, physical education lessons, and daily fitness, before school, recess, lunch and after school. Parents are also encouraged to apply sun screen on children prior to leaving home and also send along sun screen for the children to reapply during the day. Spare hats are advisable. Children not wearing a hat during playtime must stay in the shade in the junior primary courtyard area. (*Sun Protection Policy*). Appropriate sunglasses that provide sun protection can be worn.

### **Footwear**

- school shoes/sport shoes/sandals – all with non-marking soles
- firm fitting, suitable for normal day wear and physical activity
- shoes to be laced or fastened
- sneakers are acceptable
- leather sandals, with adequate tread appropriate for running, are acceptable
- open-toed shoes are acceptable, only if suitable for active sportswear

### **Nails**

- nails should be kept clean (i.e. no nail polish) and trimmed (sports length)

### **Graffiti**

- no writing/images on clothes/hats
- no writing on skin

### **Make-up**

- no make-up, or facial adornment including eye make-up, e.g. transfers, false eyelashes
- no lip gloss but use of chap sticks, when required, is acceptable

### **Hair**

- hair is to be neatly groomed
- hair should be kept out of eyes and tied back if longer than shoulder length
- ribbons, bows, scrunchies, hair combs and small clips in plain navy or bottle green
- neck scarves to be in navy blue, bottle green or yellow and not so big/long as to be unsafe

### **Jewellery**

- watch
- single chain necklet (inside clothing and not visible)
- sleepers or stud earrings (one pair of silver/gold)

### **School bags**

Recommend PPS back-pack in school colour with logo.

### **Unacceptable clothing/footwear/accessories**

- headwear, other than acceptable
- ripped or dirty clothing
- any denim – including jackets, jeans, overalls etc.
- singlet tops, spaghetti straps, midriff tops, board shorts, short tight skirts, brief shorts, bike pants (except under dresses)
- party shoes, ugg boots, surf sandals, ballet shoes, thongs, rubber boots
- brand name clothing and accessories with logos
- clothing with offensive language/wording
- baseball/basketball caps beanies
- hoods worn during school time
- novelty clothing/footwear
- brightly coloured shoes/sneakers and novelty shoes, e.g. flashing lights, are not acceptable
- fake nails, stick-on or coloured nail polish/decorations
- nose or other body piercing rings or studs
- bracelets other than for medical reasons
- brightly coloured hair is discouraged

### **Non-compliance**

The school prides itself on the high level of cooperation of children adhering to the policy and on the overall appearance of children. Checks will be randomly held to ensure children are wearing the correct uniform. If the child breaches the dress code they are given a warning following which if non-compliance continues written communication is sent home to the parents.

### **Other relevant information**

*Children representing the school at special events and/or excursions.*

- all children are required to wear school uniform when representing the school
- when playing sport for the school, all children are to wear the appropriate uniform, as agreed by the sports committee. In terms 1, 3 and 4 an appropriate hat must be worn, in matches and at practice
- when participating in water/swimming activities a t shirt or rash top must be worn

### **Theme days/dress up days**

The SVE organises special fun days (optional) when uniform does not have to be worn. A donation goes towards fundraising for a designated charity/project. Safe footwear must be worn at all times.

### **Uniform purchases**

Uniforms are available for purchase Friday mornings from the front office between 8.30 and 9.30am or any time via the Qkr! app. Qkr! purchases will be sent home with the child the following day.

### **Art/garden lessons**

Children may be required to wear protective art shirts/smocks. We ask parents to provide an old piece of clothing for children to wear over their uniforms for protection.

## 6. Roles and responsibilities

Party / parties	Roles and responsibilities
Parents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• to provide school uniform for their child(ren) and ensure it is worn daily</li><li>• to seek valid exemptions from the policy based on the grounds of cultural beliefs, religion, financial hardship, genuine medical reasons and itinerancy. All exemptions must be valid and approved by the principal in writing.</li><li>• to approach the principal if experiencing financial hardship or other difficulties in complying with this policy</li><li>• label clearly all school clothing items with child's name to reduce amount of lost property.</li></ul>
Children	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• to wear the school uniform appropriately and with respect, care and honour.</li></ul>
Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• to regularly monitor the wearing of uniform</li><li>• to follow through with non-compliance issues</li><li>• to model sun smart behaviours.</li></ul>

## 7. Monitoring, evaluation and review

This policy will be reviewed bi-annually or as required by the dress code subcommittee and changes ratified by governing council.

## 8. Definitions and abbreviations

Term	Meaning

## 9. Associated documents

## 10. References

[Inclement Weather](#)

[Cancer Council SA](#)