



Student Dress Code Uniform Policy



Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy, please contact the office.

PURPOSE

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

This dress code has been developed by Kerang South Primary School Council in close consultation with our school community to ensure that it respects the rights of individual students whilst reflecting the values and interests of our community.

The Student Dress Code:

- Helps to eliminate peer group pressure to wear inappropriate clothing reduces competition amongst children and removes pressure on families to provide "fashionable" items for daily wear.
- Promotes equality amongst all students.
- Improves school tone and atmosphere and helps develop a sense of pride and identification with the school.
- Assists with student identification and safety in public places.
- Maintains the high public and community regard for the school and its students.
- Prepares students for the expectations and uniform policies of secondary schools that Kerang South Primary School students will attend in future years.
- Is economical, durable, functional and practical.

The Kerang South Primary School Council has developed a dress code that we believe provides a range of choices for students and is cost effective for families.

SCOPE

Students are expected to comply with this Student Dress Code while traveling to and from school, during school hours and when attending all school activities and events (unless it is an official out of uniform day or activity).

UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE

The full list of Kerang South Primary School's compulsory school uniform items are available at Appendix A to this policy.

General appearance

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, Kerang South Primary School students must comply with the following:

- All clothing must be of reasonable and clean condition. Torn or ripped clothing should be mended, patched or replaced as appropriate. Hats should be free of writing on brims.
- All children's clothing is to be named. Named clothing is returned promptly but unnamed clothing is seldom traced and is consequently given to charity at the end of each term or placed in the second-hand clothing cupboard. Please see that all personal articles are clearly labelled with your child's name. This includes books or other items that are brought to show or share with the class.
- Additional layers of clothing may be worn underneath the uniform for added warmth, provided these undergarments are completely hidden.

Jewellery and cosmetics

Acceptable jewellery for school includes plain watches; small, plain, solid studs; and plain, thin sleepers in pierced ears (no dangling earrings for OHS reasons).

Nail polish, tattoos and make-up are not permitted.

Health and safety

- In line with the Sun Protection Policy, all children must wear a yellow, broad-brimmed hat with school logo embroidered on it when outdoors from mid-August to 30 April each year. Students who do not comply with this requirement will not be able to participate in outdoor activities.
- Hats are not to be worn inside.
- Shoulder length or longer hair is to be tied back to help restrict the spread of lice and for student safety.

PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS

- New items of uniform can be purchased through the school, either in person or via the Kerang South Primary School online order form.
- When available, second-hand items of uniform can be purchased through the school.
- The Parents Club supplies each new Prep child with a hat and a reader bag.

The School Council has considered affordability in the development of this dress code. However, if you are facing difficulty meeting uniform costs the School Council has considered affordability in the development of this dress code. However, if you are facing difficulty meeting uniform costs the [Help with school costs and fees](#) page provides advice on support offered by the Victorian Government. If your child is starting prep or year 7 and is eligible to receive support via the [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund](#), you may be eligible to access the Affordable School Uniform (ASU) program.

Please contact the principal or office to discuss support that we may be able to provide.

IMPLEMENTATION

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

Students wearing non-compliant uniform items may be asked to change into a compliant item of clothing provided by the school.

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.

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 / medical 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 (in this case, the school can provide help).

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.

CONCERNS ABOUT THIS STUDENT DRESS CODE

Kerang South Primary School welcomes feedback from the school community in relation to this Student Dress Code. If you have a concern or complaint about the Student Dress Code, further information about raising a concern or complaint is available in our school's *Parent Complaint Policy*, available on our website.

COMMUNICATION

This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways:

- Available publicly on our school's website
- Reminders in our school newsletter
- Discussed in student forums
- Included in transition and enrolment packs
- Discussed at parent information nights/sessions
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Kerang South Sun Protection Policy
- Kerang South Complaints Policy
- Kerang South Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy
- Department of Education and Training [Student Dress Code](#)
- Department of Education and Training [Student Engagement policies and guidelines](#).

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Policy last reviewed	29.4.24
Consultation	School Community – Parents, Students
Updated Template DET	September 2026 (no change to the uniform)
Approved by	School Council
Next scheduled review date	February 2028

APPENDIX A: KERANG SOUTH UNIFORM ITEMS

SUMMER UNIFORM

Polo shirt

Gold short-sleeve LWR cotton/polyester blend polo shirt with collar and school logo embroidered on left chest.

Shorts

Dark navy blue shorts in the school's 2 styles no logos e.g. microfibre shorts or dark navy blue stretch microfibre shorts. No basketball material shorts.

Dress

Beleza primary summer dress (SKU: BD7211, fabric code 8006 with blue piping). Basketball briefs / black bike shorts (which don't show) may be worn under the dress to encourage playground activity.

Hat

Yellow, broad-brimmed hat with school logo embroidered. In line with the Sunsmart Heat and Hydration Policy, all children must wear the school hat when outdoors from mid-August to 30 April each year. Students who do not comply with this requirement will not be able to participate in outdoor activities.

WINTER UNIFORM

Windcheater

Navy blue LWR Barak fleecy crew neck sweat shirt, with school logo embroidered on left chest or navy blue or LWR Cunningham fleecy zip jacket, with school logo embroidered on left chest.

Polo shirt

Gold short-sleeve LWR cotton/polyester blend polo shirt with collar and school logo embroidered on left chest.

Long Pants

Dark navy blue pants in the school's 2 styles no logos e.g. fleecy double knee cuff track pant or navy blue or microfibre track pants with zip cuff.

Skort

Dark navy blue skort in the school's 2 styles no logos e.g. stretch microfibre skort with built in undershorts or dark navy blue stone girls gabardine skort. This may be worn with plain navy blue tights.

Beanie (optional)

Students have the option to wear a school beanie or a plain navy blue or yellow beanie.

Scarf (optional)

Students may choose to wear a plain navy blue or yellow scarf. Football scarves are not allowed unless on special occasions.

Coat (optional)

Winter coats may be worn in the playground during cold weather but must be worn over school jumpers and not in place of them.

ALL YEAR ROUND

Shoes

School shoes, sneakers or closed school sandals must be worn for safety reasons. Thongs, open-toe or slip-on shoes are not permitted for safety reasons.

Socks

Short, white, navy blue or black socks are to be worn with shorts.

Hair Accessories

For safety and health reasons, students are asked to have their hair tied back.

Hair accessories (e.g. head bands; scrunchies etc.) should be in school colours. Black head bands are also acceptable (no metallic headbands).

Extreme hair colouring and attention seeking hair styles are not permitted.

Jewellery and make-up

All jewellery is banned except for plain watches; small, plain, solid studs (no designs); and plain, thin sleepers in pierced ears.

Nail polish, tattoos and make-up are not acceptable.

Sports Uniform

Students should participate in their official school uniform. For safety reasons, appropriate footwear e.g. sneakers suitable for running, should be worn. Gold polo top with school logo, navy shorts / skorts, navy tracksuit pants (with no logos or embellishments).

Items Not Accepted as School Uniform

Please ensure children are sensibly dressed for school each day. Students who must attend the school temporarily out of uniform – with an accompanying note – must observe the following restrictions:

- Bathers, basketball briefs, boxer shorts and tank tops are NOT to be worn to school as outer garments.
- Thongs or surf-type sandals are not to be worn, even on out-of-uniform days.
- On out-of-uniform days, it is important that children change into suitable clothing for physical education and sport. On these days, all clothing must be in line with the school's Sun Protection Policy i.e. shoulders covered, broad brimmed hat as required.