



SEAFORD NORTH Primary School

Student Dress Code Policy

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Seaford North 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 Seaford North Primary School's 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 aims to:

- Develop a sense of individual and collective pride in students
- Provide the opportunity for all families to be seen to be equal in social and economic circumstances
- Enhance the individual student's and group security
- Provide the school with an avenue to develop a sense of identity, and enhance the image of the school within the community
- Provide a positive effect on tone and discipline

The 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 school activities.

UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE

The full list of Seaford North 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, Seaford North Primary School students must comply with the following:

- All items worn are to be in accordance with the range (See Appendix A) provided at Primary School Wear (PSW). For example, regulation shorts, hats, and tights.
- T-shirts are permitted to be worn underneath the uniform on cold days, providing they are blue and blend in with the school uniform
- The uniform will feature the school colours of dark and light blue

- All shirts, rugby tops, school logo jackets and vests must be purchased from the PSW range, parents may purchase pants, shorts, dresses, tunics and other garments from the uniform range from outside agencies provided they do not carry logos
- All articles of clothing, including swimming and other sports apparel, must be labelled with the student's name
- Year 6 students will have the option of wearing a special Year 6 windcheater/bomber jacket/rugby top/t-shirt with the school insignia
- All students must be in uniform when on school excursions, unless otherwise directed by organising teacher/s
- When participating in Inter-School Sports activities, students must wear provided sports uniforms
- Students must wear appropriate footwear at all times. Heels should be flat. Open-toed shoes or thongs are not permitted
- Appropriate footwear must be worn for physical education and sports. Soft/flexible soled sneakers/runners are recommended for safety and foot development

Jewellery and cosmetics

Students are not permitted to wear decorative jewellery to school. Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, plus watches are the only acceptable jewellery or religious items such as cross/crucifix. Necklaces and bracelets are not permitted.

Friendship bands and charity rubber bands are not to be worn unless supported by school fundraising events.

Other than clear nail polish, cosmetics may not be worn at school. Temporary tattoos are not to be visible, if visible they should be rubbed off by school days.

Hair and Sun safety

Shoulder length or longer hair must be tied back in an appropriate manner to help restrict the spread of nits and lice and for student safety. Hair accessories should be minimal and in school colours. Extreme hair colours (e.g. green, pink or purple rinses) and/or extreme hairstyles (e.g. spikes or mohawks) are not permitted.

School hats are compulsory during the Sun Smart period of mid-August (exact date to be set by the school annually) to the end of April (See Sun Smart Policy), including casual dress days. Hats are not to be worn inside.

Students are permitted to wear sunglasses during outdoor activities. Sunglasses should be close-fitting, wrap-around that meet the Australian Standards 1067 and cover as much of the eye area as possible.

PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS

The uniform range is available to view and purchase from Primary School Wear (PSW) shop in Carrum Downs or online at www.psw.com.au.

Support for families experiencing difficulty

Please contact the Principal to discuss support that we may be able to provide to families experiencing difficulty meeting uniform costs, including information about eligibility for uniform support through State Schools' Relief. Further information about State Schools' Relief is also available on their website: <https://www.ssr.net.au/>

IMPLEMENTATION

Seaford North Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code Policy is communicated to all families and students through our website, Compass, Foundation Information Evening and the information pack provided upon enrolment. We will assist students who may be experiencing difficulties complying with this policy where possible.

Students who do not wear school uniform must provide a written letter from home or ClassDojo message, providing the reason why the child is out of uniform.

If a student is out of school uniform, a message will be sent home via ClassDojo.

A record will be kept of students out of uniform. On the third occasion parents/carers will be notified to discuss further action. In this event, the school will continue to work with the student and family to support compliance.

Students transferring from another school may continue to wear the uniform of that school for a negotiated period of time with the School Principal.

Measures taken by Seaford North Primary School to address concerns about student non-compliance with the Student Dress Code will also be addressed in accordance with our Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy.

Named lost property items will be returned to students, un-named items will be available from Lost Property at the Office.

Families will be notified of approved casual dress days and any other, non-uniform days.

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 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.

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

Seaford North 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 school 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 at student assemblies as required
- Discussed at staff briefings/meetings as required
- Included in transition and enrolment packs
- Discussed at parent information nights/sessions
- Made available from school administration upon request

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Seaford North Primary School Sunsmart Policy
- Seaford North Primary School Parent Complaint Policy
- Seaford North Primary School 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	2021
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Approved by	School Council – November 2021
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APPENDIX A: SEAFORD NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM ITEMS

Available at the Primary School Wear (PSW) shop in Carrum Downs or online. If you are unsure of a certain garment please check the PSW website <http://www.psw.com.au>

Please note that items are not gender specific.

SUMMER:

- Dress – blue/white check
- Culottes/skorts – navy (as displayed at PSW)
- Shirt – polo shirt with striped collar in navy or sky blue. Short or long sleeve with school logo
- Hat – compulsory for Sun Smart period (see Sun Smart Policy). Slouch or bucket style in navy
- Shorts – navy (as displayed at PSW)

WINTER:

- Tunic/pinafore dress – navy
- Shirt – polo shirt with striped collar in navy or sky blue. Short or long sleeve with school logo
- Undergarments - tights/leggings – dark navy (not black)
- Skivvy – sky blue or navy
- Pants – tracksuit, bootleg style or cargo style in navy (no loose/floppy pockets)
- Rugby top, bomber jacket or polar fleece jacket in navy with school logo (no hoodies)
- Vest – polar fleece in navy with school logo
- Raincoats – navy

FOOTWEAR:

- Black, closed-toe, leather, lace up, buckle or Velcro fastening shoes with flat heels
- Black runners (lace up or Velcro fastening)
- Note: boots may not be worn for sport.
- Socks – navy, black or white (no logos)

P.E./SPORT:

- Students should wear school shorts or navy leggings, school shirt and runners.
- House coloured t-shirts are available for purchase from the school office, available in sizes 6 – 16
- The School provides some specific sports uniforms for inter-school sports

OTHER ITEMS:

Art smocks and school bags are required. A Seaford North Primary School bag is available for purchase at PSW. These bags are ergonomically designed and contain padding on the back and straps to make it comfortable for children to carry.