



Harrisdale Primary School Dress Code Policy (Updated 09/09/2022)

Purpose

The Harrisdale Primary School community believes a dress code:

- Establishes and enhances the image of the school.
- Establishes school spirit and teamwork.
- Ensures students are safely dressed for specific school activities.
- Encourages equality among students.
- Prepares students for work, as many work places have dress and safety codes.

The wearing of the school uniform at all times is mandatory. Children representing the school must be properly attired.

The following range of clothing is available and has been approved by the Uniform Committee. Order forms are available from the Harrisdale web site and the School Administration. Parents are encouraged to place orders online or at store at their convenience.

Dress Code Requirements

Students are required to wear the following **badged** (with school logo) uniform items, available for purchase from Uniform Concepts, Willetton:

- Navy shorts, skirts, pants.
- Navy/Green polo shirt, navy zip jacket.
- School dress.

Faction shirts and sports shorts are worn on specific faction days.

Footwear

Predominantly black in colour, appropriate covered footwear, ie no thongs, ugg boots, massage sandals or surf sandals. Where socks are required, **white socks** are to be worn. In winter, girls are permitted to wear navy blue **tights** but not leggings.

Hat

The school hat must be worn for all outdoor activities. A "No hat, play in the shade" policy will apply.

Name Tags

All school clothing should be marked clearly with the family name using either name tags or a marking pencil. To ensure privacy of students names are not to be written externally on uniforms.

Physical Education and Playground Activities

To support our Physical Education programme at school, it is important that students are appropriately dressed for activities. This includes appropriate footwear, not sandals or thongs. All students are to wear faction sports uniform on specified days.

Graduation Uniform

Students in Year 6 may purchase a Graduation Student shirt and/or jacket. These items are part of the school uniform and are to be worn with school uniform base clothing. Students are required to wear these items for special occasions.

Formal Wear for Senior Students

The school has also purchased formal school shirts and blazers for senior students to wear on specified occasions. These will be borrowed from the school at the time of the event.

Hair, Makeup and Jewellery

- Hair should be neat and secured away from the face. Hair that is shoulder length or longer is to be tied back. This is a health and safety issue.
- Coloured hair is acceptable for designated fundraisers such as 'wacky hair day' and for sports carnivals where hair is coloured at home. Coloured hair is not acceptable at any other times.
- No make-up, coloured lipstick or nail polish should be worn to school.
- Jewellery should be restricted to a watch, sleepers or studs, medical or cultural jewellery.

Procedures for Managing Non-Compliance with the Dress Code

Step 1

Parent advised by classroom teacher to provide an explanation on reason for non-compliance.

Step 2

Parents are contacted by school executive to ascertain the reason for continued non-compliance.

Step 3

As per the School Education Act 2000, Regulation 36, if a non-complying student is enrolled in a primary program, sanctions will be limited to the following actions only:

- preventing the student from attending any activity in which the student would have been representing the school; or
- preventing the student from attending or participating in any school activity which, in the opinion of the principal, is not part of the educational program.

Exemptions

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 dress code. Some uniform polo shirts will be available for loan (on a short term/daily basis).

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 dress code 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.

The Dress Code Policy will be reviewed every 2 Years by the Board, with the next review due in 2024.