



Ruskin Park Primary School

SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY



Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this [policy](#) please contact Ruskin Park Primary School at 9723 3886.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Ruskin Park 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 Ruskin Park 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:

- foster a sense of community and belonging and encourages students to develop pride in their appearance
- support Ruskin Park Primary School's commitment to ensuring that our students feel equal and are dressed safely and appropriately for school activities
- reduce student competition on the basis of clothing
- enhance the profile and identity of the school and its students within the wider community.

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

Ruskin Park Primary School's school uniform items are as follows:

- Ruskin Park summer school dress
- Gold short/long sleeve polo shirt with logo or gold skivvy (note not available from uniform shop)
- Purple windcheater/ bomber jacket with logo
- Plain black shorts/skirt/skort
- Long black track pants/leggings (no jeans/stripes/embellishments)
- Black pleat skirt
- Tartan tunic
- Black or white socks
- Hair ties and hair accessories need to be of a neutral colour or school uniform colours
- School sunhat with logo (September to April)

Optional items

- School or plain black beanie (no stripes/embellishments)

- Winter waterproof rain jacket
- Black Year 6 jacket (Year 6 only)
- Sports T shirt (Years 5/6 only)

General appearance

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

- Uniforms must be clean and in good repair
- Uniforms should be clearly marked with the owner's name
- Additional layers of clothing may be worn underneath the uniform for added warmth, provided these undergarments are completely hidden
- Bike pants should not be worn as an outer garment
- Studs, sleepers and watches are the only acceptable jewellery (any communication accessibility should be off while at school)
- Cosmetics are not to be worn and clear nail polish only

Health and safety

Shoulder length or longer hair is to be tied back to help restrict the spread of lice and for student safety.

Jewellery, nails, hair accessories and similar items that interfere with students' ability to engage with school activities safely and fully are not permitted.

School uniform hats must be worn outside from mid-August (exact date to be set by the school annually) to 30 April and on any other day prescribed by the school. School uniform hats may also be worn outside of this time period, by parent or student choice.

Hats/beanies 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

Uniform items can be purchased from PSW Croydon situated at Unit 8A/51 Lusher Rd, Croydon VIC 3136. The phone number is 9768 0336.

Ruskin Park also operates a second-hand uniform store for parents. Any available items can be purchased from the office throughout the day.

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 Foundation 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 assistant principal to discuss support that we may be able to provide.

IMPLEMENTATION

Ruskin Park Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website and Compass. We will assist students who may be experiencing difficulties complying with this policy where possible.

EXEMPTIONS TO STUDENT DRESS CODE

We acknowledge that there might be instances where the enforcement of this dress code could impact students differently.

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 financial 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

Ruskin Park 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 the Ruskin Park Primary School website.

COMMUNICATION

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

- Available publicly on our school's website and Compass
- Discussed at staff briefings/meetings as required
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Ruskin Park Primary School's SunSmart Policy
- Ruskin Park Primary School's Parent Complaint Policy
- Ruskin Park Primary School's 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

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