Student Dress Code Policy



Help for non-English speakers

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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 travelling 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 or long sleeve polo shirt with school logo*, or plain gold polo shirt of a similar colour and style†
- Gold skivvy†
- Purple windcheater/bomber jacket with school logo*
- Plain black shorts, skirt or skort*† (no bike shorts as outer wear)
- Long black track pants or leggings*† (no jeans, stripes or embellishments)
- Black pleat skirt†
- Tartan tunic*

- Black or white socks*†
- Hair ties and hair accessories in a neutral colour or school uniform colours†
- School sunhat with logo* (September to April)

Optional items

- School beanie* or plain black beanie† (no stripes or embellishments)
- Winter waterproof rain jacket*†
- Black Year 6 jacket* (Year 6 only)
- Sports T-shirt* (Years 5/6 only)

* Available through the Ruskin Park Primary School uniform line at PSW and shown in Appendix 1.

† Generic items may be purchased from PSW, where available, or from any department store or other retailer. Items purchased elsewhere do not need to carry the school logo but must meet the colour and general style requirements outlined in this policy.

Families are not required to purchase generic uniform items through PSW. School-specific items that require the Ruskin Park Primary School logo, tartan or another school-specific design are available through PSW. Appendix 1 provides a visual guide to the approved uniform items and colours

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 Road, Croydon VIC 3136. The phone number is 9768 0336.

Ruskin Park Primary School also operates a second-hand uniform store for families. Available items can be purchased from the school office throughout the day.

Uniform Affordability

School Council has considered the affordability of the school uniform when developing this dress code and aims to ensure that uniform costs do not create an unreasonable financial burden for families.

To support affordability, the school council has:

- limited the number of items that require school branding or a school-specific design
- allowed families to purchase generic uniform items, such as plain black shorts, skirts, skorts, track pants, leggings and socks, from a retailer of their choice, provided they meet the colour and style requirements outlined in this policy
- maintained a second-hand uniform store to provide families with access to lower-cost uniform items
- sought to provide flexibility in the range of approved uniform items so that families can select options that best suit their child and circumstances.

Families experiencing difficulty meeting the cost of school uniform are encouraged to contact the school. The Victorian Government's Help with school costs and fees page also provides information about financial assistance, including support available through State Schools' Relief.

Families of students commencing Foundation (Prep) who are eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may also be eligible for uniform assistance through the Affordable School Uniforms program.

Please contact the Principal or Assistant Principal to confidentially discuss support or alternative arrangements that may be available.

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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Approved by	School Council
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CURRENT UNIFORM STORYBOARD - DEC 2025

ALL YEAR ROUND



1100261
Bomber Jacket



1110739
Spray Jacket



1100290
Crew Neck Windcheater

YEARS 5 & 6



1161854
S/S Sublimated Polo

SPORTS



1110725
S/S Sublimated
Football Guernsey

SUMMER



1100526
Bucket Hat



1100105
S/S Polo



1101352
Summer Dress



1110355
Zip Pocket Shorts



1100375
Skort



1101364
Scooter Skort

WINTER



1106246
Beanie with Pom Pom



1106251
Beanie



1100155
L/S Polo



1110423
Double Knee Trackpant



1104002
Box Pleat Tunic



1110465
Classic Pant

ACCESSORIES



8302250
Explorer Bag



1160380
Artsmock



2513000
Girls Tights



2511050
Crew Sock 3PP



2512000
Turnover Knee High
Socks 3PP



1110760
Cushion Foot
Sport Socks 3PP

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