Kensington Primary School

STUDENT DRESS CODE POLICY

2024



Help for non-English speakers
If you need help to understand the information in this policy, please contact Kensington Primary School.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Kensington 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 Kensington 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 Kensington 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

The full list of Kensington Primary School's 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, 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
- Studs, sleepers and watches are the only acceptable jewelry
- Any make up or nail polish must not be worn

Health and safety

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

Jewelry, nails, including fake 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 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 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

A link to DCS uniform supplier www.dcsuniforms.com.au will also be on the school website.
School Uniforms can be purchased in the following ways:
OPTION 1:
Purchase direct from the DCS Clothing shop Unit 13/34-42 Aberdeen Rd Altona Victoria 3018. Ph: 03 939 8222
Opening hours:

- 10– 5pm Monday – Sunday
- 10– 5pm Public Holidays
- Closed: Christmas Day, Boxing Day, Good Friday

OPTION 2:
Purchase online or email sales@dcsuniforms.com.au
Delivery is free to the school and all deliveries will be delivered to the office on a Friday between 2:30 and 3:30. Delivery to an address will incur a delivery fee.
A text message will be sent to inform parents that the uniform items are ready to be collected from school.
www.dcsuniforms.com.au

Kensington Primary School will also operate a 'pop up' uniform stall once a term, to sell good quality second hand uniforms at minimal prices.
The school will communicate 'pop-up' dates and selling time via Compass and the school Newsletter.

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 the school office to discuss support that we may be able to provide.

IMPLEMENTATION

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

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 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

Kensington 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 in student forums
- Discussed at staff briefings/meetings as required
- Included in transition and enrolment packs
- Discussed at parent information sessions including transition sessions.
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Kensington Primary School's Sunsmart Policy
- Kensington Primary School's Parent Complaint Policy
- Kensington 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

The recommended review cycle for this policy is 3 to 4 years.

Policy last reviewed	October 2026
Consultation	Student Leaders School Council to be discussed October 26th 2026
Approved by	School Council
Next scheduled review date	September /October 2029

NOTE: The department's Student Dress Code policy requires School Councils to decide annually whether or not amendments or a full review of the dress code is required.

APPENDIX A: Kensington Primary School Uniform Items



KENSINGTON PRIMARY BOMBER JACKET



KENSINGTON PRIMARY ZIP NECK SWEATER



KENSINGTON PRIMARY CREW NECK SWEATER



KENSINGTON PRIMARY SHORT SLEEVE POLO (GOLD)



JUNIOR UNISEX DCS SHORT P.V.S.LOSE - NAVY



PRIMARY SCHOOL TRACKSUIT PANTS D.KNEE CUFFED - NAVY



KENSINGTON PRIMARY SPORTS JACKET



KENSINGTON PRIMARY RAIN JACKET



KENSINGTON PRIMARY LONG SLEEVE POLO (GOLD)



KENSINGTON PRIMARY SHORT SLEEVE POLO (NAVY)



KENSINGTON PRIMARY LONG SLEEVE POLO (NAVY)



KENSINGTON PRIMARY SUMMER DRESS



KENSINGTON PRIMARY WINTER TUNIC



KENSINGTON PRIMARY SPORTS POLO



PRIMARY SCHOOL RUGBY KNIT SHORT UNISEX



PRIMARY SCHOOL BIKE SHORT



KENSINGTON PRIMARY JUNIOR SCHOOL BAG



KENSINGTON PRIMARY HYBRID HAT



DCS UNIFORMS

Kensington Primary School

TO PURCHASE A SCHOOL UNIFORM FROM THE DCS UNIFORM SHOP YOU REQUIRE AN ONLINE BOOKING

SCHOOL UNIFORM PRICE LIST 14/08/2026

UNIFORM ONLY AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT DCS UNIFORMS & CLOTHING OR ONLINE

WWW.DCSUNIFORMS.COM.AU

ITEM OFFICIAL SCHOOL UNIFORM	COLOUR	AVAILABLE SIZE	UNIT PRICE
BOMBER JACKET	NAVY	4 - 14	$47.50
WINDCHEATER ZIP NECK JUMPER	NAVY	4 - 18	$37.50
CREW NECK SWEATER	NAVY	4 - 18	$32.50
POLO TOP S/SLEEVE	GOLD	4 - 18	$27.50
POLO TOP L/SLEEVE	GOLD	4 - 18	$30.00
POLO TOP S/SLEEVE	NAVY	4 - 18	$27.50
POLO TOP L/SLEEVE	NAVY	4 - 18	$30.00
DCS PANT P/VISCOSE - UNISEX	NAVY	4 - 16	$35.00
DCS SHORT P/VISCOSE - UNISEX	NAVY	4 - 16	$27.50
TRACK PANT	NAVY	4 - 16	$27.50
RAIN JACKET WITH LOGO	NAVY	4 - 16	$45.00
DRESS SUMMER	CHECK	4 - 18	$32.50
TUNIC WINTER	CHECK	4 - 16	$58.00
SPORTS UNIFORM			
SPORTS POLO TOP	NVY/GLD	4 - 18	$27.50
SPORTS RUGBY KNIT SHORTS	NAVY	4 - 16	$25.00
GIRLS SKORT	NAVY	4 - 16	$25.00
BIKE SHORTS	NAVY	4 - 16	$15.00
ACCESSORIES			
SCHOOL BAG	NAVY	JNR SIZE	$50.00
LIBRARY BAG	NAVY	ONE SIZE	$12.00
HYBRID BUCKET HAT	NAVY	55/57/59/61CM	$17.50
BEANIE	NAVY	ONE SIZE	$18.00
ART SMOCK	NAVY	S,M & L	$20.00
DCS HAIR ACCESSORIES	NAVY	OSFA	FROM $4.99
DCS TIGHTS	BLACK	3-5, 6-9 & 10-12	$12.95
DCS SOCKS 3PK	WHITE	9-12, 13-3 & 2-8	$12.95
DCS SCHOOL SHOES	BLACK	JNR SIZES	FROM $59.99

IF YOUR CHILD REQUIRES A CUSTOM MADE UNIFORM A MINIMUM OF 4 WEEKS IS REQUIRED TO PRODUCE AT AN EXTRA COST. IF YOU REQUIRE A CUSTOM MADE UNIFORM YOU WILL NEED TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT WITH OUR SHOP TO ARRANGE A FITTING

DCS UNIFORMS IS LOCATED AT FACTORY 13, 32-42 ABERDEEN RD, ALTONA, VIC 3018 PH (03) 9398 2222

PLEASE CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE FOR FREE DELIVERY TO YOUR SCHOOL