

Research Primary School Dress Code

Research Primary School introduced compulsory school uniform in 2002 in response to a survey of all parents of children at the school. The factors that contributed to the adoption of a compulsory school uniform for Research Primary School included:

- Pride and identification with the school and sense of belonging to the school community.
- Social and economic equality.
- Safety.
- Convenience and cost effectiveness.

This Dress Code Policy has been adopted by the School Council and sets out the dress requirements for children at Research Primary School and the management arrangements for the school uniform.

Application

This Dress Code, including the wearing of the approved school uniform, applies to all students enrolled at Research Primary School in Prep to Year Six. It applies during all school activities including out of school excursions and interschool sporting activities, and whilst travelling to and from school, unless advised otherwise.

Approved School Uniform

The approved school uniform is detailed separate to this Policy. This uniform is compulsory for all students. The uniform will be reviewed as required from time to time and may be modified as set out below. The approved school uniform will be advised at the beginning of each year and any changes will be advised to the school community via the weekly Newsletter.

It is expected that school uniform items be maintained appropriately.

Footwear

Footwear should be appropriate and be of a design which allows for students to safely engage in the many varied school activities. Sandals, thongs and open-toed shoes are not to be worn.

Jewellery and Cosmetics

For safety reasons the only jewellery that children are permitted to wear are stud and sleeper ear rings, watches and items of religious significance. Cosmetics other than clear nail polish are not to be worn at school.

Sun Smart

As Research Primary is a “Sun Smart School” it is a requirement that uniform hats be worn by all students whilst outside between 1 September and 30 April.

Free Dress Days

“Free Dress” days for individual classes may be advised from time to time. Dress for these days shall be of an appropriate “neat casual” standard and “sun smart”.

Purchase and supply

School uniform items are available from the Uniform Shop operated by the Research Primary Parents Group. A list of items is available from the School office and is published on a regular basis with an order form via the School weekly Newsletter.

The Uniform Shop may offer a range of second hand uniform items in good condition and depending on availability. These items are either donated or sold on commission.

Parents have the option of purchasing the uniform components from elsewhere or making them. These items must match the style, fabric and colour of the approved school uniform.

Exemptions

Exemptions on the grounds of religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability, health condition or economic hardship may be granted at the discretion of the Principal and the School Council.

Implementation

The Dress Code is implemented as part of the Research Primary School’s Student Engagement policy.

UNIFORM GUIDE

Below is a guide to the uniform carried by the school uniform shop.

	Item	Description
Unisex	Bomber Jacket	Blue; press studs; two pockets; school logo.
	Polo Shirts	Red; Short sleeved & long sleeved; school logo
	Basketball mesh shorts	Navy Blue; Elasticised waist with drawstring; no pockets.
Boys	Gabardine shorts	Elasticised waist; 2 hand pockets, 1 with zip. Most popular style for boys.
	Track pants	Straight leg; elasticised waist; zip pocket
Girls	Light weight bootleg pants	Cotton; summer pant (often worn underneath summer dress); no pocket.
	Heavy weight bootleg pants	Polyester; winter pant; zip pocket
	$\frac{3}{4}$ Length Leggings	Worn underneath other garments; Not to be worn as a standalone item.
	Skort	Gabardine; divided skirt; elasticised waist; zip pocket.
	Summer Dress	Button front; short sleeve; one zip pocket; large hem; wide in waist
	Bike Shorts	Worn underneath Summer Dress – Not to be worn as a standalone item
	Winter Tunic/Skirt	Elasticised waist (button adjustable); removable bib (size 4-6); skirt only (size 8-14); large hem.
Accessories	Hat	
	Raincoat	Medium weight; $\frac{1}{2}$ polar fleece lined; hood in collar
	Polar Fleece	Heavy weight Jacket; zip front; two hand pockets
	Art smock	
	Library bag	
	Schoolbag	

Please note the school carries sizes 6 – 14 in all items for trying on purposes. Special uniform orders (i.e. sizes 4 and 16) will need to be paid for in advance and we are unable to offer a refund or exchange on these items unless they are faulty.

