Cranbourne South PRIMARY SCHOOL

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STUDENT DRESS CODE POLICY

Purpose

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Cranbourne South 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 Cranbourne South 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 Cranbourne South 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.

The School Council has developed a dress code that we believe provides a range of choices for students and is cost effective for families.

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

General Appearance

Cranbourne South Primary School's compulsory school uniform items are as follows:

- Official school items with the school's logo in emerald, navy or white (polo tops, bomber jackets, windcheaters etc).
- Other official items without logos (summer dress, winter tunic, shorts, pants etc).
- Generic/store brand (Target, Kmart etc) pants, leggings, skirts, shorts, jumpers or jackets that are navy in colour are acceptable.
- Generic/store brand polo tops in white or emerald in colour are acceptable. Other variations of green are not permitted.

- Official house-coloured polo tops and broad-brimmed hats.
- Only runners/sneakers or standard school shoes are acceptable

Bottoms (shorts, skirts, dresses must be visible under your top)
** Bike shorts/Booty shorts not permitted at any times
Hats – to be worn from mid-August to 30 April
Navy broadbrim without decoration or brand name.
Friday Sports/House uniform - Polo top with navy blue pants/shorts/skirt/skort.
There are specific uniform requirements for students participating in specialist sports such as netball, . These uniforms are provided by the school for the duration of the sports session

Optional uniform items are as follows:

- Commemorative Year 6 class tops.
- Gumboots may be approved for outdoors only during winter months. Open-toed shoes are not permitted, even on days deemed as 'Free Dress'.

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

- Uniforms must be clean and in good repair
- Uniforms must 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.

Jewellery and Cosmetics

- Students are not permitted to wear decorative jewellery to school. Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, and watches, are the only acceptable jewellery.
- Cosmetics may not be worn at school.
- Only clear nail polish is permitted. Fake nails are also not permitted at school.

Hair and Sun Safety

- Shoulder length or longer hair is to be tied back to help restrict the spread of nits and lice and for student safety.
- Extreme hair colours (eg: green, blue or purple rinses) and/or extreme hairstyles are not permitted.
- Hats must be worn outside from mid-August to late April (refer to Sunsmart Policy) 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. Beanies can be worn in colder months.
- Hats or 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.

Free Dress days and trends

- Select days may or may not be themed, where students may wear casual/non-uniform clothes. This clothing

must comply with the Sunsmart Policy.

- Seasonal or ín-fashion accessories may be worn, but may be deemed unacceptable by the Principal class on a case-by-case basis.

Purchase of Uniforms

General uniform items can be purchased directly from 'PSW School Uniforms' at https://www.psw.com.au/schools/cranbourne-south-primary-school.html

House polos, house hats and Year 6 items are ordered through the school throughout the year.

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From time to time, all unlabeled/unclaimed general uniform items are made available for purchase for less than $5 each.

Support for families experiencing difficulty

Please contact the Office to discuss support that we may be able to provide to families experiencing difficulty meeting uniform costs, including information about eligibility for uniform support through State Schools' Relief. Further information about State Schools' Relief is also available on their website: https://www.ssr.net.au/

Implementation

Cranbourne South Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through Compass, the website and newsletters. 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 Class 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.

Measures taken by Cranbourne South Primary School to address concerns about student non-compliance with the Student Dress Code will also be addressed in accordance with our Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy.

Exemptions to student dress code

We recognise that there may be situations where the application of this dress code may affect students unequally.

Students and their parents or carers may apply either in writing to the Principal Class 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 economic hardship that prevents them from complying with the dress code.

When the Principal Class 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

Cranbourne South 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.

Communication

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

- Available publicly on our school's website.
- Included in staff induction processes.
- Included in transition and enrolment packs.
- Included as an annual reference in the school newsletter.
- Made available in hard copy from school administration upon request.

Further Information and Resources

- Department of Education and Training
    - Student Dress Code
    - Student Engagement policies and guidelines.
- Sunsmart Policy
- Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy
- Parent Complaint Policy

Review Cycle and Evaluation

This policy will be reviewed as part of DET's recommended review cycle.

Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact CSPS office personnel and/or Principal class.

Mandatory Consultation

Consultation Group	Date Consulted
School Council Policy Sub Committee	April 2026
Staff	Staff information booklet update: 2026
Parents	iNewsletter, Term 2 2026
Student leadership groups	Forums and meetings Year 6

Due for Review

September 2029

Certification

This policy was ratified at the School Council Meeting held at Cranbourne South Primary School April 2026