



Dress Code - Student

POLICY



Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand this policy, please contact Ocean Grove Primary School - 52551340

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Ocean Grove 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 Ocean Grove 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 Example 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 traveling to and from school, during school hours and when attending school activities.

Uniform and appearance

- It is compulsory for all students to wear the school designated uniform at Ocean Grove Primary School. Clothing items in plain navy blue or white are also acceptable. Blue denim or denim look alike are not acceptable.

- When representing the school in the community students must wear the correct school uniform.
- Plain navy beanies (no logo) or the house beanie, gloves, mittens and navy jackets are acceptable. **Please note** for safety reasons hooded tops (with exemption of the Year 6 OGPS hoodie) are not acceptable as part of the school uniform. Scarves are not permitted during school hours; however, they can be worn to and from school.
- To ensure OGPS supports a safe and inclusive school environment, and increases the sense of belonging and engagement of all students, clothing items that support personal characteristics (eg: cultural or religious beliefs) can be worn in plain navy blue or white.
- The school uniform and colours will be listed in the welcome handbook and / or newsletter and posted on the school's website.
- In deciding the uniform, consideration will be given to cost, practicality, health and safety.
- Footwear must have an enclosed toe and heel and should encourage and promote physical activity.
- House colour shirts should only be worn on nominated days.
- School bags should be either a school bag with logo or be plain blue, navy or black.
- In line with the school initiative to promote student voice, Year 5 cohort design their special Year 6 top annually.

General appearance

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, Ocean Grove 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.

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.

School uniform hats must be worn outside in terms 1 & 4 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

Uniform items can be purchased through DCS Uniforms online only. Orders can be submitted via <https://www.dcsuniforms.com.au/collections/ocean-grove-primary-school> and delivered to school or homes.

Ocean Grove Primary School also operates a second-hand uniform store for parents.

Support for families experiencing difficulty

Please contact the Principal or office staff 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/>

Ocean Grove Primary School also has uniforms available to families to borrow on request.

Implementation

Ocean Grove 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.

Students wearing non-compliant uniform items may be asked to change into a compliant item of clothing provided by the school.

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.

Measures taken by Ocean Grove 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 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 economic 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

Ocean Grove 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 made available on our school website.

Further information and resources

- Sunsmart Policy
- Parent Complaint Policy
- Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy
- Department of Education [Student Dress Code](#)

Department of Education [Student Engagement policies and guidelines](#)

Policy Review and Approval

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This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's annual review cycle.

Review cycle is 3 to 4 years.