

Student Dress Code



Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact the school office on 9890 1560 or via email at surrey.hills.ps@education.vic.gov.au

PURPOSE

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

UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE

The full list of Surrey Hills Primary School's compulsory 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, Surrey Hills 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 are the only acceptable jewellery. Watches are permitted, however SMART watches that can either make and/or receive phone calls or texts, or watches that record video and/or audio are not permitted.

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 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

Uniform items can be purchased from Bob Stewart in Kew, or parents may order it directly from their website: [Bob Stewart – Surrey Hills Primary School](#)

Surrey Hills Primary School Parents' Association also operates a second-hand uniform store for parents. The Parents' Association will communicate opening hours each term.

Support for families experiencing difficulty

Please contact the Principal or the Business Manager 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

Surrey Hills Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website and included in transition and enrolment packs. 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, the class teacher will advise the Assistant Principal who will contact the parents. If non-compliance with the dress code becomes a continued occurrence, the Principal will be informed who will follow up with parents. In this event, the school will continue to work with the student and family to support compliance.

Measures taken by Surrey Hills 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.

Uniform is to be worn as seasonally indicated. Summer is deemed to be February to April 30 and Term 4 each year. Winter is from May – to end of Term 3 each year. On certain days e.g. School Photos, School Sports specific uniform may be designated at the Principal's discretion.

Items of uniform purchased from outlets other than the Surrey Hills Primary School Bob Stewart supply must be of same colour, style and fabric to those available from Bob Stewart.

Students are also required to supply a Library Bag.

Free Dress Days will be approved as appropriate by the Principal.

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

Surrey Hills 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
- Included in staff handbook/manual
- Discussed at staff briefings/meetings as required
- Included in transition and enrolment packs
- Discussed at parent information nights/sessions
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Surrey Hills Primary School SunSmart Policy
- Surrey Hills Primary School Parent Complaint Policy

- Surrey Hills Primary School 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

Policy last reviewed	February 2022
Consultation	School Council
Approved by	School Council
Next scheduled review date	Annually – <i>see Note below</i> February 2025 – February 2026

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: SURREY HILLS PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM ITEMS

All year round

The following items may be worn all year round, with either the summer or winter uniform:

Jumper

Navy polar fleece jacket with SHPS logo or

Navy windcheater with SHPS logo

Polo shirts

Navy polo shirt with SHPS logo - short or long sleeved

Shorts/ Pants

Navy rugby shorts with SHPS logo or

Navy track pants

Navy bike shorts which may only be worn under dresses, tunics, skirts and shorts (and cannot extend past the length of the dress, skirt or shorts).

Footwear

Sports shoes - clean and in good repair, sturdy and protective with non-marking soles or

Black school shoes or

Filled toe T-bar shoes for girls

No sandals or thongs

Headwear

Hair ties, head bands etc – school colours or specialty check only (Navy, sky blue, red or white)

Bag

Navy school bag with SHPS logo

Summer Uniform – to be worn in Terms 1 and 4

Dresses

Summer dress in SHPS check and style

Socks

White socks – plain

Hats – to be worn from mid-August to 30 April

Navy slouch hat with SHPS logo

Winter Uniform – to be worn in Term 2 and 3

Tunic

Winter tunic or skirt in SHPS tartan and style (with white shirt or white skivvy)

Shirt/Skivvy

White shirt with SHPS logo worn with skirt or tunic only or

White skivvy worn with skirt or tunic only

Tights

Navy tights worn with tunic and skirt only

Socks

Navy socks – plain

Sports Events Uniform

Student house colours for SHPS specialist sports days (e.g. Cross Country).

Kangaroo	- Red
Kookaburra	- Yellow
Koala	- Green
Kingfisher	- Blue

Students are to wear their everyday uniform to PE and sports lessons.