



School Uniform and Dress Code Policy

Rationale: The Governing Council, school staff and community support the Uniform and Dress Code Policy in place at Clarendon Primary School. The intent of the policy is to provide clear guidelines and expectations for students and families about appropriate attire for school.

The Benefits: A uniform supports a student's sense of identity and connection with the school and their peers. It keeps them easily identifiable and recognizable which enhances safety of students both at school and outside of school. Appropriate school uniform also supports DfE protective practices for staff and students.

The school uniform, as described below, is functional and practical for the day-to-day activities that children are engaged in through the curriculum at Clarendon Primary School. Appropriate school wear encourages freedom of movement, active outdoor play and are a child's 'work clothes'. Appropriate levels and layers of clothing are recommended; especially warm clothing in winter to support children's wellness and ability to engage with our curriculum which often takes children outdoors.

School uniform can also lessen pressures on students and families to conform to trends and fashions brought into the school from outside. Appropriate school uniform presents a positive and professional image of Clarendon Primary School and sets a tone of self-respect, inclusion, equity, strong identity, engagement and connection to Clarendon.

The dress code provides for official school uniform items to be worn, along with items that comply with the colour code of navy and light blue and meet the dress code descriptions below.

Exemptions to the uniform policy need to be approved via a written request to the Principal.

The school Governing Council and staff require and expect children to comply with this policy.

UNIFORM DESCRIPTION

Hats:

- *Broad brimmed, sun smart hats are required for all outside activity in accordance with Cancer Council and Sun Smart School recommendations.
- Plain navy or light blue beanies are appropriate for winter.
- *Hats with crown drawstrings are preferred and recommended as a safer option.
- Hats with under-chin drawstrings or cords require a safety release mechanism.
- Children without hats will have their outside playtime limited to designated shade areas.
- Baseball-style or flat caps not acceptable.

Lower Body:

- Navy coloured: mid-thigh length or longer *sport shorts, *cargo shorts, *skorts or Skirt.
NB: bike shorts/leggings can be worn underneath skirts/dresses, but not worn as pants.
- Long pants/*tracksuit pants/trousers/*cargo pants in plain navy.
- No denim, large visible commercial logos, skirts, skorts or shorts shorter than mid-thigh.
- Leggings, bike shorts or tights alone are not acceptable as school pants.

Upper Body:

- *Short or long sleeved polo shirt in navy or light blue.
- *Two-toned CPS monogrammed polo shirt.
- *Navy school rain jacket or navy spray jacket for wet weather activities and playtimes.
- Collared shirt or skivvy in plain navy or light blue.
- *Navy hooded school jumper or *windcheater.
- Navy cardigan.

- *Navy and white cotton school dress.
- *Commemorative school shirts/jumpers including Year 7 tops.
- Students may wear their own personal rain jackets and parkas to and from school and outside in inclement or cold weather.

Footwear:

- Sturdy shoes with socks including closed sneakers, leather 'work' boots, school shoes or sandals are appropriate for school. Closed shoes need to be worn during Kitchen Garden lessons.
- Gumboots /work boots are recommended for Kitchen Garden lessons and winter playtimes and children are welcome to keep a pair of gumboots at school.
- Children are welcome to keep slippers/uggboots at school for inside times during colder months.
- Thongs are not acceptable school footwear.

Accessories:

- Small studs or sleeper earrings are acceptable.
- Wrist watches are ok.
- Long hair should be secured off the face using a hair tie or scrunchy. Having the hair secured also reduces incidences of head lice. Having hair up is also a requirement for Kitchen Garden and Technology lessons due to safety and hygiene.
- School bag – appropriate proportions to the child and preferably kept light (less than 10% of a child's body weight). *Clarendon Primary School bags are available.
- Umbrellas – The safe use of umbrellas by children is acceptable outside during wet weather. When not in use, umbrellas to be stored safely in bag areas.
- Make up, false nails and nail polish are not appropriate for school wear.

Casual Days and School Camps: On occasion, children are invited to wear casual clothes for certain school events. Clothing should be practical and functional for school activities as well as being Sun Smart – i.e. no tank or singlet tops or any item of clothing with inappropriate or potentially offensive images, text or branding.

Where to buy: Asterisked items are available for purchase from the school office during normal business hours. Some clothing is available secondhand from the school. Most general department stores stock a range of school wear in navy and light blue that is appropriate for school wear. The school will occasionally accept donations of school uniforms, or recycle unclaimed items of lost property. Please ensure you check the lost property box regularly for lost or missing items.

Naming: Please ensure all items of property belonging to your child are clearly named. Various online companies offer affordable stick-on and iron-on labels for clothes, etc. We recommend labelling with a family name so items can be handed down when older siblings outgrow them.

Clothing Safety: Where possible, avoid drawstrings, functional or decorative cords on clothing, or remove them from clothing. This reduces entrapment and choking hazards. Ensure hats with chin straps/cords have their quick release mechanisms working.

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