

Skye Primary School
395 Ballarto Road,
Skye 3977

Student Dress Code



Policy 2021



Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy, please contact Skye Primary School Administration Office via telephone: 03 9786 1555 or email: skye.ps@education.vic.gov.au

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Skye 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 Skye Primary School's 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 Skye 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 Skye 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, Skye 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. (some expectations can be made for religious or culturally significant items)

Cosmetics may not be worn at school. Only clear nail polish is permitted.

Hair and Sun safety

Shoulder length or longer hair for all students 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, date is set by the school annually to 30th 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

Students are permitted to wear sunglasses during outdoor activities. Sunglass should be close-fitting wrap around that meet the Australian Standards 1067 and cover as much of the eye area as possible.

Hats are not to be worn inside.

PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS

Uniform items can be purchased from Primary School Wear (PSW) 22/13 Gateway Drive, Carrum Downs or via their website www.psw.com.au PH: 03 9768 0360

Skye Primary School also operates a second-hand uniform store for parents. Second-hand uniforms may be purchased for a gold coin donation from the front office during business hours.

Support for families experiencing difficulty

Please contact the Principal or Assistant Principal 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

Skye 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.

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

Skye 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 to view via <https://skyeps.vic.edu.au/> or available from the administration office.

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
- Discussed in student forums
- 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

- Skye Primary School Sunsmart Policy
- Skye Primary School Parent Complaint Policy
- Skye 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	19 th November 2021
Consultation	11 th October 2021
Approved by	School Council
Next scheduled review date	Annual review by School Council and policy update due October 2024

APPENDIX A: Skye Primary School UNIFORM ITEMS

The Skye Primary School uniform list.

Unisex	Item	Colour	Specific information
Footwear	runners/joggers		
	school shoes	black	
	pull on boots	black	no thongs
	stockings	navy or white	under dress/skirt/skort/tunic
	tights	navy	under dress/skirt/skort/tunic
	socks	navy or white	no leggings
Headwear	school broadbrimmed hat	navy	school emblem or plain only
	headband	navy/white/school print	
	scrunchie	navy/white/school print	
	ribbon	navy/white/school print	
	hair tie/band	any colour	
	hair clips	navy/white or bobby pin	
	school beanie	navy	school emblem or plain only
Bottoms	shorts	navy	plain, no branding
	skirt/skort	navy	plain, no branding
	slacks/trousers	navy	plain, no branding
	track pants	navy	plain, no branding
Tops	polo shirt long/short sleeve	navy or sky blue	school emblem or plain only
	t-shirt	navy or sky blue	school emblem or plain only
	skivvy	navy or sky blue	plain only
	windcheater	navy	school emblem or plain only
	bomber jacket	navy	school emblem or plain only
	raincoat	navy	
	polar vest	navy	school emblem or plain only
Dress	school dress	school print	
	school tunic	navy	