

Caledonian Primary School Student Dress Code



Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact our school office.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Caledonian 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 Caledonian 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 Caledonian 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

Compulsory school uniform items are as follows:

- Navy blue windcheater or Polar fleece jumper with Caledonian logo
- Navy blue tracksuit pants, gabardine pants with no printed logos/brands
- Navy Blue skorts or shorts with no printed logos/brands
- Navy and Jade short sleeved polo shirt with Caledonian logo
- Navy and Jade long sleeved polo shirt with Caledonian logo
- Navy, jade and white school dress in Caledonian tartan
- Navy skirt/tunic
- Navy blue unlabelled cardigan
- Closed in black shoes or runners with minimal branding visible
- Navy Blue Broadbrim hat with Caledonian logo

Within these compulsory items students and parents have a choice of the items they wear

Optional items with Caledonian logo

These optional items can be purchased from the uniform shops:

- Navy blue vest with Caledonian logo
- Navy blue beanie with Caledonian logo
- Caledonian School bag and library bag.

Optional items without the Caledonian logo

- Navy blue over shorts to wear under summer dresses (the hem of the dress must be longer than the shorts)
- Tights – Non-branded navy blue tights or leggings can be worn under the school dress, skirts or tunic
- Navy blue skivvy to wear under suitable uniform items
- Socks – Socks should be black, navy, white or grey and non-branded. No socks over tights
- Coats – These should be Navy blue or Black.
- Hair accessories need to be in school colours.

Grade 6

- Each year Grade 6 tops are designed and are available for purchase. These are not compulsory. Students who choose to wear these tops need to treat them as part of their uniform.

Casual Clothes Days

Students are still required to adhere to OHS policy and Sunsmart policy on out of uniform day. Clothing with offense language or images is not permitted and the child will be provided with alternative clothing and parents contacted. Shoulders must be covered, no singlets, straps or open toed shoes.

A Caledonian Primary School SunSmart approved hat is a compulsory part of the school uniform as recommended by the Cancer Council of Victoria. School uniform hats must be worn outside from mid-August (exact date to be set by the school annually) 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. This also applies to all casual clothes days.

General appearance

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

- Uniforms should be in neat and tidy and in good repair, a range of quality second hand uniform to assist if this is causing concern.
- 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.
- Safety and visibility gear can be worn to and from school and encouraged for students who ride to school.
- Badges, including school leadership badges should be worn near to the collar while additional badges supporting causes, community and identity should be limited to 2 badges. Badges that do not reflect the Department of Education and School values will not be permitted. Link below to Department of Education values guide.

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/hrweb/Documents/PublicSectorValues-SchoolGuide.pdf>

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.

Facial piercings are not permitted.

Cosmetics may not be worn 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 hairstyles and unnatural hair colour are not acceptable (exemption may occur for approved fundraising days)

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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 Crockers and Beleeza uniform providers or from our school run second hand uniform supply. Please be aware this supply can be seasonal and not all items are available. In addition we have a second hand uniform supply here at school which can be accessed at times published in our newsletter or on request from the front office.

Support for families experiencing difficulty

Please contact the Principal or Brooke Stevens (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/>

Caledonian PS also has uniforms available to families to borrow on request or in case of accidents.

IMPLEMENTATION

Caledonian PS will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website and at our school office. Additionally we shall provide a copy via Compass annually. We will assist students who may be experiencing difficulties complying with this policy where possible.

Caledonian Primary School 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 Caledonian 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

Caledonian 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 website.

COMMUNICATION

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

- Available publicly on our school's website (or insert other online parent/carer/student communication method)
- Reminders in our school newsletter
- Discussed in student forums
- Discussed at staff briefings/meetings as required
- Discussed at parent information nights/sessions
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Caledonian PS Parent Complaint Policy

- Caledonian PS 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

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