



STUDENT DRESS CODE

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Altona 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 Altona Primary School's School Council 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 Altona 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 Altona 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, Altona 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 from mid-September (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.

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.

Camps and casual dress days

On camps, casual dress days, or non-uniform days:

- students will observe SunSmart policy requirements for wearing appropriate SunSmart head wear and clothing during SunSmart periods.
- t-shirts and other clothing featuring offensive language or graphics must not be worn at school or on camps.
- singlets and tank tops are not to be worn any time
- for safety reasons, thongs, open toed shoes, slip on shoes or heeled shoes are not to be worn on camps or casual dress days.

PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS

Uniform items can be purchased or ordered directly from DCS Uniforms, located at Double C Jeanery: 2 Aviation Rd, Laverton.

Online orders can also be made: <https://www.dcsuniforms.com.au/collections/altona-primary>

Support for families experiencing difficulty

Please contact the Principal or 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

Altona 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 Altona 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

Altona 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 communicated to our school community in the following ways:

- Available publicly on our school's website
- Reminders in our school newsletter
- Discussed with students
- 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

- Altona Primary School Sunsmart Policy
- Altona Primary School Parent Complaint Policy



- Altona 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

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Approved by	School Council
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APPENDIX A: ALTONA PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM ITEMS

SCHOOL UNIFORM	
<p>Summer and winter uniform items are prescribed, but students can wear any combination of uniform items that they choose. Students are expected to wear the school uniform in school colours, as specified below</p>	
TOPS	DRESS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gold short sleeve polo shirt with purple logo - Gold long sleeve polo shirt with purple logo - Students in Grade 6 will have an alternate uniform top 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Purple APS summer dress - Winter Tunic - Grey Skort <p>*Netball skirts and short skirts are not uniform items and cannot be worn</p>
WARM TOPS	PANTS/SHORTS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Purple crew neck windcheater with gold logo - Purple bomber jacket with gold logo - Purple half zip windcheater with gold logo - Purple winter rain jacket with gold logo - Students in Grade 6 will have an alternate windcheater 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Purple or Grey tracksuit pants (straight leg or cuffed) - Purple or Grey rugby knit shorts - Grey gaberdine shorts - Grey gaberdine pants - Purple bike shorts
SOCKS/TIGHTS	HATS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - White or grey socks - Grey tights (worn under tunic or skort) - Purple or Grey tights (worn under summer dress) - 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Purple bucket hat - Gold Legionnaires hat - Grey Beanie
SHOES	HAIR/HEADWEAR/MAKE-UP
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Black school shoes or appropriate uniform footwear - Runners that are safe and secure and appropriately supportive <p>*All shoes MUST be closed in toe and heel, with laces, buckles or Velcro</p> <p>*NO canvas shoes, slip on shoes or open toe shoes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All headwear including religious or cultural headdress, headbands and hair accessories MUST be in line with school colours of purple, gold or grey (hair coloured hair ties are acceptable) - Students with long hair (below shoulders) should have this tied up, however it MUST be tied up for sporting activities, playground play and science sessions. <p>* NO make up or coloured nail polish</p>
SPORT/PHYSICAL EDUCATION	JEWELERY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Runners that are safe and secure and appropriately supportive must be worn on sport/phys ed days - 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Plain studs/sleepers worn in the ears only - Watches allowed, however no internet access
SCHOOL BAG	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Purple school bag with gold logo (recommended) 	