



# Heidelberg Primary School

## STUDENT DRESS CODE POLICY

### PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Heidelberg 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 Heidelberg 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 Heidelberg 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 Heidelberg Primary School's 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, Heidelberg Primary School students should 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

#### Shoes

It is required that students wear enclosed shoes for safety reasons.

### **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.

### **Hair and Sun safety**

It is recommended that 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 1 September 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.

### **PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS**

Uniform items can be purchased from the My Uniform store. Information and price lists are available from the school office. Orders made with the My Uniform store will be delivered to school. Alternately, parents can purchase directly at the store.

A group of parents also operates a second-hand uniform store for parents. Opening hours are advertised in Capers. Alternately, parents can speak to the office staff about the sale of second hand uniform.

### **Support for families experiencing difficulty**

Please contact the school office staff 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**

Heidelberg Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website, our weekly newsletter Capers and information sessions. We will assist students who may be experiencing difficulties complying with this policy where possible.

### **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 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**

Heidelberg 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 Complaints Policy*.

## **FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES**

- Heidelberg Primary School SunSmart Policy
- Heidelberg Primary School Parent Complaints Policy
- Heidelberg 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](#).

## **REVIEW CYCLE**

This Student Dress Code was last approved by School Council in September 2019 and is scheduled for review in September 2020.

## **APPENDIX A: HEIDELBERG PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM ITEMS**

### **Polo shirts and tops**

Short sleeve polo shirt in gold (embroidered)

Long sleeve polo shirt in gold (embroidered)

### **Shorts and pants**

Boy's straight leg pant (royal blue)

Girl's bootleg pant (royal blue)

Rugby knit shorts (royal blue)

Girl's skort (royal blue)

### **Dresses and tunics**

Girl's tunic – with removable bib (school tartan)

Button fronted dress (royal blue, navy, gold)

### **Fleeces and sportswear**

Microfibre sports track pants – unisex (royal blue)

Polar fleece vest (royal blue) (embroidered)

Polar fleece jacket (royal blue) (embroidered)

Bomber jacket (embroidered) - striped rib (royal blue, gold)

### **Hats, skivvies, tights**

Broad brimmed sun hat (royal blue, screen printed)

Skivvy (gold)

Tights – girl's cotton elastane (navy)

Tights – girl's opaque (navy)

### **School bags**

Spartan school bag (royal blue) (screen printed)

Library bag (royal blue) (screen printed)

Library folio bag – Reader bag (screen printed)

### **Other accessories**

Art smock (royal blue)

Rain jacket with mesh lining (royal blue)

### **Year 6 Uniform**

Polar fleece jacket (royal blue) (embroidered with student's first name)

Short sleeve polo shirt in royal blue (embroidered with student's first name)

Microfibre sports track pants – unisex (royal blue), (embroidered with year level and year)

Microfibre sports shorts – unisex (royal blue), (embroidered with year level and year)