



Koondrook Primary School

Student Dress Code / Uniform Policy

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Koondrook 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 Koondrook 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 Koondrook 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 travelling to and from school, during school hours and when attending school activities.

UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE

Koondrook Primary School's compulsory school uniform items are as follows:

Summer uniform

Girls

Dress - Bottle green with white check and embroidered logo OR

Shorts - bottle green with gold piping OR

Skort - bottle green

Polo shirt - short sleeved, bottle green with gold piping and embroidered logo

Grey or white socks

Boys

Shorts - bottle green with gold piping

Polo shirt - short sleeved, bottle green with gold piping and embroidered logo

Grey or white socks

Winter uniform

Girls

Polo shirt - long sleeved, bottle green with embroidered logo
Fleecy polo or zip jacket - long sleeved, bottle green with embroidered logo OR
Fleecy hoodie sweat shirt - long sleeved, bottle green with embroidered logo
Fleecy straight leg track pants - bottle green OR
Girls' stretch straight leg pants - bottle green OR
Girl's leisure pants - bottle green
Fleecy vest - bottle green
Grey or white socks
Green tights are available

Boys

Polo shirt - long sleeved, bottle green with embroidered logo
Fleecy polo or zip jacket - long sleeved, bottle green with embroidered logo OR
Fleecy hoodie sweat shirt - long sleeved, bottle green with embroidered logo
Fleecy straight leg track pants - bottle green OR
Gaberline cargo pants - green OR
Fleecy vest - bottle green
Grey or white socks

Year 6 polo shirt - bottle green and gold with embroidered logo. The design is chosen each year.

Footwear: Black school shoes or runners. Thongs are not acceptable footwear.

General appearance

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

- Uniforms should 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

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

We suggest that Shoulder length or longer hair is to be tied back to help restrict the spread of nits and lice and for student safety.

A School Hat must be worn from 1st September until 1st May. A hat is provided by the school at the time of enrolment. Replacement hats can be purchased by families at their own expense.

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 the office at school.

Koondrook Primary School also has a limited supply of second-hand uniforms

Support for families experiencing difficulty

Please contact the 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

Koondrook 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 are expected to comply with this uniform policy. Students wearing non-compliant uniform items may be asked to change into a compliant item of clothing loaned to the student 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

Koondrook 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.

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
- Included in school information booklet
- Discussed at staff briefings/meetings as required
- Included in transition and enrolment packs
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Koondrook Primary School Complaint Policy
- Koondrook 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 – 4 YRS

Policy last reviewed	22 nd April 2024
Consultation	15 th April Staff, 22 nd April 2024 School Council
Approved by	School Council
Next scheduled review date	April 2028

APPENDIX A: KOONDROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM ITEMS

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Fleecy polo or zip jacket - long sleeved, bottle green with embroidered logo

OR Fleecy hoodie sweatshirt - long sleeved, bottle green with embroidered logo
Fleecy straight leg track pants - bottle green OR

Girls' stretch straight leg pants - bottle green OR

Girl's leisure pants - bottle green

Fleecy vest - bottle green

Grey or white socks

Green tights are available

Boys

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Gaberdine cargo pants - green OR

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