



POOWONG CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

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Poowong Consolidated School Student Dress Code



Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact Poowong Consolidated School school contact details PH: 03 5659 2356.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Poowong Consolidated 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 Poowong Consolidated 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 Poowong Consolidated 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

- After consultation with the school community and the Student Representative Council, School Council has developed a Dress Code that we believe provides choice for the students, allows for students to safely engage in the many varied school activities, and caters for the financial constraints of families.
- Summer and winter uniforms, as well as sports uniforms will be prescribed, and are required to be worn.



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The student Dress Code includes the following items only:

| | Girls | Boys |
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| Summer | Summer tartan dress (Beleza) Short-sleeved apple green and navy polo (Beleza) Navy cotton shorts (not basketball shorts) Navy skort Bomber Jacket (Beleza) Windcheater (Beleza) White or navy socks Black school shoes or black runners Navy broad-brimmed hat | Short-sleeved apple green and navy polo (Beleza) Navy cotton shorts (not basketball shorts) Bomber Jacket (Beleza) Windcheater (Beleza) White or navy socks Black school shoes or black runners Navy broad-brimmed hat |
| Winter | Long-sleeved apple green and navy polo (Beleza) Navy tracksuit pants Bomber Jacket (Beleza) Windcheater (Beleza) Navy Tunic (Beleza) with navy tights Navy or White Skivvy under Tunic White or navy socks Black school shoes or black runners Navy Rain Jacket (optional) | Long-sleeved apple green and navy polo (Beleza) Navy tracksuit pants Bomber Jacket (Beleza) Windcheater (Beleza) White or navy socks Black school shoes or black runners PCS School Beanie Only (no others) Navy Rain Jacket (optional) |
| Sports | House colour polo Navy shorts (can be basketball shorts) White or navy socks | House colour polo Navy shorts (can be basketball shorts) White or navy socks |

Please note- leggings are not permitted to be worn under the summer dress. If the weather is cold, the winter uniform may be worn.

General appearance

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, Poowong Consolidated 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.
- School Council requires the Principal be responsible for implementation of the Dress Code in a manner consistent with the Student Code of Conduct.
- If a student is out of uniform for any reason, a written note should be supplied by parents and the student should present this if a staff member asks about the out of uniform item.
- Parents seeking exemptions to the Dress Code due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability, health condition or economic hardship must apply in writing to the School Council for consideration.



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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.

Extreme hair colors (eg: green, pink or purple rinses) and/or extreme hairstyles are not permitted. Bows and ribbons must be reflective of the school colours: navy, apply green or white.

School uniform hats must be worn outside in Terms 1 and 4, 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 Beleza or another supplier. Parents may order it directly from <https://www.beleza.au/103-poowong-consolidated-school>

Support for families experiencing difficulty

Please contact the Principal or Admin 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/>

Poowong Consolidated School also has uniforms available to families to borrow on request.

IMPLEMENTATION

Poowong Consolidated School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website and newsletter. 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 Poowong Consolidated 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.



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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

Poowong Consolidated School welcomes feedback from the school community in relation to this Student Dress Code.

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

-  [Student Wellbeing 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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| Consultation | Student Voice, parent groups, school council |
| Approved by | School Council |
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