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CRESWICK NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

STUDENT UNIFORM & DRESS CODE POLICY

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Creswick North 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 Creswick North 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 dress code reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community.

The Student Dress Code aims to:

- foster a sense of community and belonging and encourages students to develop pride in their appearance
- to promote equality amongst students
- support Creswick North 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 Creswick North Primary School uniform:-

- Winter
 - Maroon school Windcheater
 - Gold or Maroon Polo shirt with the school logo
 - Maroon tracksuit pants or grey long pants
- Summer
 - Gold or Maroon polo shirt with school logo
 - Grey shorts
 - Maroon culottes or Blue gingham school dress
 - School Legionnaire sun hat or Maroon slouch hat

PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS

Uniform items can be purchased from Beleza School Uniforms, Ballarat – 22 Doveton Street South, Ballarat – 03 5332 4320.

Creswick North Primary School also has a rack with second-hand uniforms that are available to parents, we ask for gold coin donation.

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

Creswick North Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website and school transition information pack. We will assist students who may be experiencing difficulties complying with this policy where possible.

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

Creswick North 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.

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Creswick North Primary School Sunsmart Policy
- Creswick North Primary School Parent Complaint Policy
- Creswick North 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 on 13th December 2020 and is scheduled for review in 2023.