



School Uniform Policy and Dress Code

Rationale: The Pearcedale Primary School Council have declared that it is compulsory for a school uniform to be worn for the following reasons:

- A uniform gives a school a sense of pride and unity.
- A uniform removes the sense of competition in dress, which can often cause stress amongst children.
- A uniform is often cheaper to supply than other forms of clothing.
- Wearing a school uniform has the important safety factor of making Pearcedale Primary Students easily recognizable

Aims: Primary School children instantly recognizable in any group, e.g. when the children are on a school excursion.

Implementation

Hats · Slouch hats, navy blue
· Legionnaire hat, navy blue

Shoe: Closed-in shoes permitted e.g. school shoes, runners, or boots (work style boot).
· **Not permitted:** open toed shoes, gum boots, thongs, crocs (rubber slip on shoes) and shoes with heels.

Bags · School bag, backpack or satchel

Girls Uniform

- Short sleeve / Long Sleeve Polo shirt, blue/red with school emblem
- (Plain Red Long sleeve Polo will be phased out 2023 and has been replaced with the above Polo)
- Hoodie, red and blue with school emblem
- Jacket, red & navy blue with school emblem
- Unisex shorts, navy blue
- Skirt, navy blue (respectable length)
- Dress, navy and white check, white collar and cuffs (respectable length)
- Navy pinafore/skirt (respectable length)
- PPS Sport Polo top (Sublimated V-neck Polo) - Grades 3 - 6
- Socks navy blue or white.
- Pants, plain navy blue (**no stripes**)

- **Not permitted:** netball skirts, jeans, cords, board shorts, footy shorts, singlet tops, local football and basketball team clothing, shoestring dresses (No bare shoulders)

Boys Uniform

- Short sleeve / Long Sleeve Polo shirt, blue/red with school emblem
- (Plain Red Long sleeve Polo will be phased out 2023 and has been replaced with the above Polo)
- Hoodie, red and blue with school emblem
- Jacket, red & navy blue with school emblem
- Unisex shorts, navy blue
- Pants, plain navy blue (**no stripes**)
- PPS Sport Polo top (Sublimated V-neck Polo) - Grades 3 - 6
- Socks navy blue or white.

- **Not permitted:** Jeans, cords, board shorts, footy shorts, local football and basketball team clothing

Sporting Activities

The PPS sport top may be worn on sporting days and days when the class has Phys. Ed and Grade Sport. The school has a set of football jumpers and netball skirts for use during interschool sport matches. All clothing worn

for sporting activities must be the school's colours of red and navy blue, or the children's house colours of red, blue, green, purple, orange or yellow.

Pearcedale Primary School children will not be permitted to attend out of school functions eg: sports, excursions, trips, unless they are wearing the school uniform. This decision has been made to ensure the safety of our pupils while away from school and to provide a sense of unity to the public so that the image of the school is thus enhanced.

The School Uniform Policy and Dress Code also covers the following areas:

The wearing of items of jewellery - Items of jewellery may not be worn to school for reasons of both safety and security. Watches and Fitbits are acceptable. The school recognizes that pierced ears are a statement of fashion for both boys and girls. The only earrings permitted at the school are plain, gold or silver studs or sleepers. The school does not permit other forms of body piercing on display. This includes rings or pendants through the nose, eyebrows etc. All jewellery is worn at students' own risk of damage or loss.

The wearing of make-up - Students are not permitted to wear make-up. If a student needs to wear make-up for medical reasons e.g. scarring, they must obtain permission from the principal.

Decorative tattoos (either permanent or 'stick on') - Decorative tattoos are not permitted to be worn at school.

The wearing of hair - It is recommended that hair be kept neat and that hairstyles are kept within reason and are appropriate to the image of the school. Hair colour is to be limited to one natural colour. This standard is to be decided by the school staff under instruction from the principal.

The wearing of thongs or open toed shoes - For health and safety reasons, the wearing of thongs or open toed shoes is not permitted during regular school hours (including free dress days) however, under special circumstances—e.g. blisters on the feet and students attending swimming lessons, thongs are permitted. A note is expected from parents if a student wears thongs due to health reasons.

The wearing of hats - It is the policy of Pearcedale Primary School that all children will be required to wear Slouch Hats/Legionnaires whilst in the playground during the period Sept 1 - April 30 Children not wearing a slouch hat/legionnaire hat will be kept in the under-cover area. This decision is made in view of our 'Sun Smart Policy'.

The wearing of coats, scarves and gloves - Students are permitted to wear coats, scarves and gloves during school hours, however they must be removed during class time. Students may wear coats, scarves and gloves: before school, during recess, at lunchtime and after school. Students are encouraged to wear a windcheater/spray jacket/ bomber jacket on cool days.

Free Dress Days - On Free Dress Days, students are still required to adhere closely to our uniform policy - this includes no singlet tops, shoestring tops/dresses, bare shoulders, thongs, makeup. We encourage students to wear appropriate clothing suited to school activities.

Consequences for students not wearing correct uniform:

Step 1: Student will receive a warning from a staff member

Step 2: Parent will be notified by a staff member

Consequences for students wearing jewellery

Student will be told to remove jewellery

Evaluation:

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle.



This policy was last ratified by School Council....

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