



RESERVOIR WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL

STUDENT DRESS CODE 2024

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Reservoir West 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 Reservoir West 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 Reservoir West 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

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

- Collared shirt with Reservoir West logo – white. eg. Polo shirt, cotton school shirt, skivvy. No T-shirts.
- Gingham dress - red/white check. Must be 1/8" check.
- Pinafore or tunic - college charcoal grey.
- Reservoir West windcheater – red.
- Reservoir West bomber jacket - red and grey.
- Shorts - college charcoal grey. Eg cotton, jersey knit, bike shorts.
- Leggings - college charcoal grey.
- Trousers - college charcoal grey. Eg school trousers, canvas pants, cords.
- Track pants - college charcoal grey.
- Skort [combination skirt/shorts] - college charcoal grey. No netball skirts.
- Legionnaire's hat or bucket hat with Reservoir West logo – red. Compulsory in Terms 1 & 4 and when the UV index reaches 3 or higher.
- Shoes- predominantly black, red, white or grey. Eg. Lace up shoes, pull on boots, runners, sandals (enclosed toe).
- Socks or tights - plain white or grey

- Options
- Grade 6 Valedictory items
- Reservoir West beanie
- sunglasses for outside

General appearance

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, Example 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

Compliance

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.

Support for families experiencing difficulty

Please contact the Principal or school office 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

Reservoir West Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website and the school Newsletter. We will assist students who may be experiencing difficulties complying with this policy where possible.

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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, he/she 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

Reservoir West 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.

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Reservoir West Sunsmart Policy
- Reservoir West Parent Complaint Policy
- Reservoir West 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

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