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OXLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENT DRESS CODE

PURPOSE:

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Oxley 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 Oxley 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 Oxley 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

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

- Our school uniform colours are aqua and navy.
- The winter uniform consists of a polo shirt (long-sleeve), polo fleece jacket and navy tracksuit pants.
- The summer uniform is an aqua t-shirt and navy skirt/shorts, or blue and white checked dress. It is compulsory for all students to wear a wide brim hat.
- Runners or leather school shoes are acceptable footwear.
- Thongs and sandals are not permitted at any time.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT ALL STUDENTS BE IN FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM ON A DAILY BASIS.



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General appearance

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, Oxley Primary 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 alongside 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.

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.

School uniform hats must be worn outside from mid-August (exact date to be set by the school annually) to 30 April 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.

Students are permitted to wear sunglasses during outdoor activities. Sunglasses should be a close-fitting, wrap-around style 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 Wangaratta Uniform Zone, 52 Norton Street.

Support for families experiencing difficulty

Please contact the school on (03) 5727 3312 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/>

Oxley Primary School also has a limited number of uniform items available to families to borrow on request.



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IMPLEMENTATION

Oxley Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website and annual handbook. 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 Oxley Primary 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.

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 in writing 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.
- other exemptions as may be applicable to your child. These will be considered on a case-by-case basis by the principal.

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 parents/caregivers by the Principal.



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CONCERNS ABOUT THIS STUDENT DRESS CODE

Oxley 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 the school's website.

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Oxley Primary School Sunsmart Policy
- Oxley Primary School Parent Complaint Policy
- Oxley 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

REVIEW DATE	July, 2020
APPROVED AT SCHOOL COUNCIL	August 18, 2020
NEXT REVIEW DATE	August, 2021



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APPENDIX A: Oxley Primary School Uniform Items:

The following items may be worn all year round:

Footwear

Appropriate footwear is to be worn at all times. Runners or leather school shoes are acceptable footwear. Thongs and sandals are not permitted at any time.

Dresses

Summer blue and white checked dress

Shorts

Plain navy blue shorts without decoration or brand name

Polo shirts

Aqua short sleeved polo shirt with school logo.

Tights/stockings

Navy blue tights/stockings

Pants

Plain, navy blue track pants without decoration or brand name

Jumper or Vest

Navy blue polar fleece with school logo

Navy blue polar/vest fleece with school logo

Hats – to be worn from mid-August to 30 April

Navy broadbrim Oxley Primary School hat clearly marked with student name.

Sports uniform

Our sports uniform is navy shorts with the school aqua t-shirt and runners.