



# ANTONIO PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

## STUDENT DRESS CODE POLICY



### Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact the school office.

### PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Antonio Park 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 Antonio Park Primary School's School Council 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 Antonio Park 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.

### 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 full list of Antonio Park Primary School's compulsory school uniform items are available at Appendix A to this policy.

#### General appearance

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, Antonio Park Primary School's 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.

#### 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. Fingernails are to be kept at an appropriate length.

### **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 1<sup>st</sup> September to 30<sup>th</sup> 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 close-fitting, wrap-around that meet the Australian Standards 1067 and cover as much of the eye area as possible.

### **Shoes**

Sneakers (lace up or velcro) or black t-bar or lace-up school shoes are permitted. For health and safety purposes, open-toed shoes, boots and high-tops are not permitted.

For some school activities there are exemptions to this which will be decided on a case-by-case basis- e.g. swimming.

### **Socks**

Socks must be plain black or white. No visible logos are permitted.

## **PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS**

Uniform items can be purchased directly or online from PSW.

Antonio Park Primary School also operates a second-hand uniform store for parents.

### **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/>

Antonio Park Primary School also has uniforms available to families to borrow on request.

## **IMPLEMENTATION**

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

Measures taken by Antonio Park 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 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

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

Antonio Park Primary School welcomes feedback from the school community in relation to the Student Dress Code. If you have any concerns or complaints about the Student Dress Code, further information about raising a concern or complaint is available in our school's Parent Complaint Policy, available on our website.

## COMMUNICATION

This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways:

- Available publicly on our school's website (or insert other online parent/carer/student communication method)
- Reminders in our school newsletter
- Discussed in student forums
- Included in staff handbook/manual
- Discussed at staff briefings/meetings as required
- Included in transition and enrolment packs
- Discussed at parent information nights/sessions
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

## FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Example School Sunsmart Policy
- Example School Parent Complaint Policy
- Example School 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

Policy last reviewed	School Council 2020
Consultation	School Council May 2024
Approved by	School Council
Next scheduled review date	Next school review - 2028

## APPENDIX A: ANTONIO PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL APPROVED UNIFORM ITEMS

### Jumper or Vest

PSW Bottle Green Soft shell Polyester jacket with school logo  
PSW Bottle Green Bomber Jacket with school logo  
PSW Bottle Green crew neck windcheater with school logo  
Grade 6 jacket with school logo (Grade 6 students only)

### Polo shirts

PSW Red long and short sleeved with school logo.  
PSW Mesh polo with school logo  
Grade 6 polo shirt with school logo (Grade 6 students only)

### Tunics and skirts

PSW Green/Red Box Tunic  
PSW Green/Red Box Pleat Skirt  
Bottle Green skort and in winter can be worn with green stockings.

### Dresses

PSW Summer green and white checked dress

### Shorts

Bottle Green Rugby shorts  
Bottle green Gaberdine zip pocket shorts

### Pants

Bottle Green trackpants- double knee, rib cuff  
Bottle Green Classic green bootleg pant

### Socks or tights/stockings

White/ black socks  
Bottle Green tights/stockings

### Headwear

School coloured headbands, hair ribbons, “scrunchies” or headwear worn as part of cultural/religious beliefs. Elastic Bands used to tie up hair may be worn in any colour.

### Hats

Microfibre broad brimmed hat with logo  
APPS beanie in winter (fundraising item)