



Kunyang Primary School Student Dress Code



Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact the wellbeing assistant principal on 9787 6102.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Kunyang 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 Kunyang 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:

- promote a sense of identity and pride, cohesion and good order in the school
- allow all students to feel equal
- prevent bullying and competition on the basis of clothing
- ensure students' appearance reflects the expectations of their school community
- enhance the profile and identity of the school and its students within the wider community
- strengthen the spirit of community within the school
- enhance individual student safety and group security
- ensure all students are dressed safely and appropriately for school activities
- prepare students for the expectations of workplaces
- encourage students to present themselves appropriately for a particular role.

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. When representing the school, students are expected to comply with this Student Dress Code and may be provided with representative clothing for the occasion.

UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE

General appearance

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, students must comply with the following:

- Uniforms must be clean and in good repair
- Uniforms should be clearly marked with the owner's name
- Additional layers of clothing may be worn underneath the uniform, provided these undergarments are completely hidden
- Studs, sleepers and watches are the only acceptable jewellery

Health and safety

Students with shoulder length or longer hair is to be tied back to help restrict the spread of lice and for student safety.

Jewellery, nails, hair accessories, hat cords and similar items that interfere with students' ability to engage with school activities safely and fully are not permitted.

Students who wear braids or locs may wear them loose.

School uniform hats must be worn outside in Term 1 and Term 4 and on any other day prescribed by the school. School uniform hats may also be worn outside of this time period, by parent/carer or student choice.

Hats are not to be worn inside.

PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS

Uniform items can be purchased from the uniform shop by parents/carers ordering it directly from Peninsula Uniforms and Embroidery – 1/1 Titan Drive, Carrum Downs <https://peninsulauniforms.com.au/category/kunyang-ps>. Permitted non-branded uniform items can also be purchased from department stores.

Kunyang Primary School also operates a second-hand uniform store for parents/carers. It is open during office hours (8:30am – 4:30pm), please see the office for more information or to purchase items.

Lost items of clothing are collected and held in 'lost property' which is located in the main building hallway. Every effort will be made to return named items to their owner. Unnamed items not collected will be donated to the Second Hand Uniform Shop.

The School Council has consulted with the school community and worked to ensure the student uniform is affordable. However, if you are facing difficulty meeting uniform costs the [Help with school costs and fees](#) page provides advice on support offered by the Victorian Government. If your child is starting prep or year 7 and is eligible to receive support via the [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund](#), you may be eligible to access the Affordable School Uniform program through [State Schools' Relief](#).

Please contact the principal or the Business Manager to discuss support that we may be able to provide.

IMPLEMENTATION

Kunyang Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code and uniform item list is communicated to all families and students through our website and enrolment packs. 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/carers by the classroom teacher. If non-compliance with the student 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 Kunyang 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 acknowledge that the enforcement of this Student Dress Code may impact students differently.

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 the code:
 - prevents students from being able to attend school or participate in school activities on the same terms as other students because of the [personal characteristics referred to in human rights and anti-discrimination requirements](#)
 - offends a religious belief held by the student or parents/carers
 - prevents students from complying with a requirement of their religious, ethnic or cultural background
- the student has a particular disability or health condition that requires a departure from the dress code
- the student or the parents/carers can demonstrate financial 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
- guarantee that issues of a personal nature revealed to substantiate the request will be strictly confidential
- 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, including providing advice about support with meeting uniform costs. If an exemption is not allowed, then written reasons will be provided to the student and/or their parents/carers.

CONCERNS ABOUT THIS STUDENT DRESS CODE

Kunyang 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 *Complaint Policy*.

COMMUNICATION

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

- available publicly on our school's website
- discussed at staff meetings as required
- hard copy available from school administration upon request.

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Kunyang Primary School Sun Protection Policy
- Kunyang Primary School Complaint Policy
- Kunyang Primary School Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy
- Kunyang Primary School Inclusion and Diversity Policy
- Department of Education [Student Dress Code](#)
- Department of Education [Student Engagement](#)

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

For future reviews of this Student Dress Code, we will consult with our school community. The community will be given advance notice of the consultation process and timelines. The consultation will be open for at least 2 weeks. Consultation materials will be translated into community languages.

Policy last reviewed	10/09/2025
Approved by	School Council
Next scheduled review date	10/09/2028

APPENDIX A: Kunyung Primary School UNIFORM ITEMS

- Students can wear any uniform item regardless of season.
- Approved commemorative uniform items such as the Year 6 rugby top and polo are accepted as part of the uniform.

COMPLUSORY UNIFORM ITEMS
Navy blue or light blue short or long sleeve polos with school logo* Plain navy shorts (no bike pants), track pants or skort without decoration or retail brand name* Navy polar fleece zip up jacket or hoodie with school logo* Navy broadbrim hat in terms 1 and 4* or Navy reversible (house coloured) bucket hat in terms 1 and 4* Navy blue or white socks or Navy blue tights Art smock Library bag
OPTIONAL UNIFORM ITEMS
Navy blue softshell jacket with school logo* Blue and white checked dress or navy checked tunic* Plain navy or light blue skivvy Navy backpack with school logo* Beanie with school branding* House coloured tshirt (only on Fridays)* Year 6 Rugby top* Year 6 Polo* Navy blue, light blue or white hair ties, ribbons, “scrunchies”, headbands or the same colour as the student’s natural hair colour Scarves to be in Kunyung colours Headwear worn as part of cultural/religious beliefs Navy bike shorts may be worn under the dress, tunic or skirt but must be shorter than the dress or skirt and not be visible Run Club hoodie or top (worn only on training days or when representing the school)
FOOTWEAR
Appropriate footwear is to be worn including: • black school shoes • runners No thongs or open-toed sandals are permitted.

*These items are available from Peninsula Uniforms and Embroidery. Items without the school branding can also be purchased from other retailers.