



Student Dress Code

PURPOSE

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

The full list of Seabrook Primary School's compulsory school uniform items is available at Appendix A to this policy. School colours are navy and burgundy.

General appearance

Seabrook Primary School students must comply with the following while at school, travelling to or from school, or participating in school activities:

- Uniforms must be clean and in good repair.
- Uniforms must be clearly marked with the owner's name.

Footwear

Socks and appropriate footwear must be worn at all times, for safety reasons. No thongs, platform or open-toed footwear is permitted. No high heels or high-top boots extending above the ankle.

Jewellery

- Students are not permitted to wear decorative jewellery to school. Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, and standard watches, are the only acceptable jewellery. Watches should comply with the school's Mobile Phones Policy.

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. Preferred colours are navy, burgundy or white.
- School uniform hats must be worn outside from September through to the end of the following April, in line with the SunSmart Policy. Children without hats will need to remain in the shade in the courtyard during recess and lunch times.
- 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

Outerwear/Accessories

Outerwear such as gloves, scarves, beanies and coats may be worn for practical reasons, with the preferred colour being navy.

Head scarves, hair ties and clips may be worn, preferably in navy, burgundy or white.

School bag

Any suitable back-pack is acceptable. Navy bags with the school logo are available as an optional item.

PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS

Uniform items can be purchased from:

- NOONE - 54 Old Geelong Road, Hoppers Crossing Vic, 3029.
An order form is available on the school website.
- SECONDHAND UNIFORM SHOP
The school offers a second-hand uniform shop run by volunteers. There are guidelines that govern how the shop operates and the details relating to the pricing and condition of garments. Refer to the school website for further details and opening times.

Support for families experiencing difficulty

Please contact the Principal or Assistant Principal 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.

information about State Schools' Relief is available on their website: <https://stateschoolsrelief.org.au/>

IMPLEMENTATION

Seabrook Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website, newsletter and parent portal. 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. If non-compliance with the dress code becomes a continued occurrence, the Principal or Assistant 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.

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, which cannot be accommodated by the uniform supplier
- 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, in which case provisions and assistance may be offered by the school in regard to second-hand items.

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

Seabrook 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 *Complaints Policy*, available from the school website.

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Seabrook Primary School SunSmart Policy
- Seabrook Primary School Complaints Policy
- Seabrook 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

This Student Dress Code was last approved by School Council in December 2021. The Department's [Student Dress Code Guidelines](#) on developing and reviewing dress codes require school councils to decide annually whether or not amendments or a full review of the dress code is required.

APPENDIX A: SEABROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM ITEMS

The following items may be worn all year round:

Jumper/Jacket

- Seabrook burgundy jumper (available from Noone)
 - Seabrook navy soft shell jacket (available from Noone)
- *Grade 6 students have the option of wearing an approved Seabrook Grade 6 top.*

Shirt

- White short-sleeve shirt (classic cotton collared shirt with or without logo)
- White long-sleeve shirt (classic cotton collared shirt with or without logo)

Dress

- Seabrook dress in approved pattern (available from Noone)
- Seabrook tunic in approved pattern (available from Noone). This must be paired with a white short/long sleeve collared shirt.

**A white skivvy may be worn under the tunic, but not as an outer garment.*

**Navy leggings, stockings, tights, or bike shorts may be worn under school dress or tunic. These items cannot be worn in place of pants/skirt options.*

Pants/skirt options (approved styles for individual needs are available from Noone)

- Approved navy shorts (available from Noone)
- Approved navy skort (available from Noone)
- Approved navy trousers/pants (available from Noone, including options with stretch)

Footwear

- Black school shoes with enclosed toe (classic appearance, with no high heel or boot above ankle)
- Black runners
- Navy or white socks

Hat

- Navy sun-smart hat (bucket style, legionnaire, wide brim) - protecting face, ears and neck to be worn when outdoors from September until the end of the following April. Hats with logos are available from Noone.

The following items may be worn on days with scheduled sport, such as Physical Education lessons or sporting events, and on Fridays to assist with laundering

Sport

- Official Seabrook short-sleeve sports polo (Grade P-6 sport)
- Approved navy Seabrook rugby top with white collar (Grade 3-6 sport only)
- White runners