Casey Fields
Primary School
Chapelton Road, Cranbourne East 3977

Student Dress Code

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 Casey Fields 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 Casey Fields 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:

- Unite the community's sense of belonging and encourages students to develop pride in their appearance
- Support Casey Fields 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

For examples of Casey Fields Primary School's compulsory school uniform items please refer to appendix A.

General appearance

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, 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, provided these undergarments are completely hidden or are in Casey Fields Primary School's colours.
- No amendments, alternations or embellishments of any kind are permitted to be made to unfirm items.

Jewellery and cosmetics

Students are not permitted to wear decorative jewellery to school. Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, watches and relevant cultural pieces are the only acceptable jewellery.

Cosmetics may not be worn at school. Only clear nail polish is permitted.

Hair and Sun safety

It is advised that shoulder length or longer hair is to be tied back to help restrict the spread of nits and lice and for student safety. Extreme hair colours/styles are not permitted – hair should be of a natural colour.

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 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.

PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS

Uniform can be purchased directly from PSW online or at their store in Dandenong.

Support for families experiencing difficulty

Please contact the Business Manager 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/

Casey Fields Primary School also has a limited number of uniform items available to families to borrow on request. Please contact the Business Manager to discuss your individual circumstances.

IMPLEMENTATION

Casey Fields Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website and Compass. 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. Parents will be contacted where the school cannot provide adequate pieces of clothing.

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 Casey Fields 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
- the student or their parents/carers can demonstrate economic 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
- 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

Casey Fields PS 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 by contacting the school office.

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

- Available publicly on our school's website
- Discussed in student forums
- Included in staff handbook/manual
- Discussed at staff briefings/meetings as required
- Discussed at parent information nights/sessions
- Available from school administration upon request

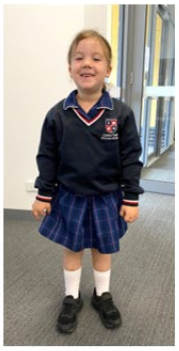
FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Casey Fields PS Sunsmart Policy
- Casey Fields PS Parent Complaint Policy
- Casey Fields PS Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy
- Department of Education and Training Student Dress Code
- Department of Education and Training Student Engagement policies and guidelines.

APPENDIX A: UNIFORM ITEMS

Casey Fields Primary School

School uniform examples



All year round

The following items may be worn all year round, with either the summer or winter uniform:

Jumper or Jacket
Navy V-Neck Windcheater with school logo
Navy Bonded Jacket with school logo

Polo shirts
Navy long and short sleeved with school logo.

Shorts
Plain navy-blue shorts without decoration or brand name

Dresses
Summer navy dress with school logo or winter dress/skirt

Skivvies
Plain navy or white skivvy, no other long/short sleeve tops that are visible should be worn

Skorts
Plain navy skorts (with or without school logo) without decoration or brand name and in winter can be worn with navy blue tights/stockings.

Socks or tights/stockings
Navy blue or white socks without decoration or brand name
Navy blue tights/stockings without decoration or brand name
Navy Blue/black leggings without decoration or brand name

Pants
Plain, navy blue track pants without decoration or brand name

Footwear
Appropriate closed toe footwear is to be worn. Runners are permitted. No thongs, open-toed sandals or Gumboots are permitted.

School Raincoat (Optional Item)
Navy Blue raincoat

Headwear
Navy blue, black, red, or white head bands, 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 – to be worn Term 1 and Term 4
Navy broadbrim hat with school logo and without decoration or brand name.

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

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