



# Pascoe Vale South Primary School

## Student Dress Code

### PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Pascoe Vale South 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 in consultation with Pascoe Vale South'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 Pascoe Vale South 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 during school hours and when attending school activities.

### UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE

The full list of Pascoe Vale South Primary School's school uniform items are available at Appendix A to this policy.

#### **General appearance**

While at school or participating in school activities, Pascoe Vale South 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 underneath the school uniform eg. Skivvy under school uniform

#### **Jewellery and cosmetics**

Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, and watches, are 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 in Terms 1 and 4. 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 items can be purchased from the office at school via Compasstix which is on the school website

Pascoe Vale South Primary School also operate a pre-loved uniform stand for parents and carers to purchase at the office. Sizes and clothing are dependent on what is offered on the stand.

### **Support for families experiencing difficulty**

Please contact the 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. Further information about State Schools' Relief is also available on their website: <https://www.ssr.net.au/>

### **IMPLEMENTATION**

Pascoe Vale South Primary School will ensure that the 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 may 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 Pascoe Vale South 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 discuss this with 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.

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

Pascoe vale South 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, please direct your questions or concerns to the office.

### COMMUNICATION

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

- Available publicly on our school's website
- Reminders via Compass posts when required
- Discussed in student forums such as Junior School Council
- 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

- Pascoe Vale South Primary School Sunsmart Policy
- Pascoe Vale South 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](#).

### POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Policy last reviewed	March, 2022
Consultation	School Council
Approved by	School Council
Next scheduled review date	March, 2025

## APPENDIX A: Pascoe Vale South Primary School Uniform Items

A uniform display is situated in the office foyer along with the preloved uniform stand.  
These uniform items may be worn all year round along and are suitable seasonally.

Garment	Colour
Polo Shirt – Short Sleeve	Sky Blue
Polo Shirt – Long Sleeve	Sky Blue
Polar Fleece Jacket	Maroon
Windcheater	Maroon
Waterproof Spray Jacket with Polar Fleece Lining	Navy
Summer Dress	School Check
Tunic with Detachable Bib	School Check
Shorts	Navy
Bootleg Pants - Poly Cotton	Navy
Track Pants - Double Knee up to Size 10	Navy
Microfibre Adjustable Slouch Hat	Maroon
Microfibre School Bag	Navy
Foundation Step into Pascoe Vale South T shirt	Maroon

### Footwear

Appropriate and comfortable footwear is to be worn. Covered comfortable Velcro or lace up runners. No thongs or open-toed sandals are permitted.

### School Rain Coat (Optional Item)

Whilst we can provide a school uniform spray jacket, a non uniform raincoat/jacket is permitted.

### Headwear

Navy blue or maroon 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.