



UNIFORM POLICY

Date: October

1. Rationale or Purpose

The Uniform Policy at Somerville Rise Primary School supports the school curriculum. Somerville Rise Primary School Council has established a dress code for its students following the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) guidelines: <http://www.eduweb.vic.gov.au/edulibrary/public/schadmin/environment/4-8.pdf>

This Student Dress Code is made under an Order by the Governor in Council granting School Councils the authority to create and implement a Student Dress Code for their students. The Student Dress Code sets out Somerville Rise Primary School Council's expectations with regard to student appearance and applies during school hours and when students are engaged in school activities out of school hours.

2. Policy Statement

The School Council has developed the Student Dress Code for the following reasons:

- To create a sense of collective and individual pride in students and their identification with the school
- To remove the sense of competition in dress which can often cause distress amongst students
- To improve the safety of Somerville Rise students by making them instantly recognisable in any group when the students are on school excursions.

For the above reasons, the School Council has decided that all students attending Somerville Rise Primary School will wear clothing in a style and colours which are in keeping with the school uniform.

3. Implementation

To be dressed in accordance to the Somerville Rise Primary School Dress Code students must conform to the following:

- The clothes worn must not have a commercial label or commercial logo visible on them

Windcheater/bomber jacket:

- School windcheater or bomber jacket (a plain navy blue windcheater is acceptable)

Shirt:

- Jade or navy t-shirt or polo shirt (with school logo)
- Year 6 students may wear their specific SRS Grade 6 school shirt

Pants:

- Pants must not have a stripe on them of any type or colour.
- Pants worn must not have an external pocket on them (i.e. navy blue cargo pants are not acceptable)
- Pants do not have to be any particular length
- Navy blue track suit pants
- Navy blue gabardine pants (no external pockets allowed)
- Navy blue shorts (no external pockets allowed)
- Navy blue boot leg pants (not jeans)

Dresses:

- Summer dress (in school material, available from Beleza)
- Winter tunic (in school material, available from Beleza)

Hats

- As per Sunsmart policy students are encouraged to wear a hat that will protect them from the effects of the sun.
- School hats are available from Beleza

Other Student Dress Code issues:

- Scrunchies and hair adornments should be in the school colours (i.e. jade, white and/or navy blue)
- Students must not wear “unnatural” hair colours to school (i.e. bright purple would be considered an unnatural hair colour)
- No makeup of any description is allowed to be worn at school. (This includes nail polish)
- Shoes need to be suitable for the activities at school (i.e. school shoes, runners). Open toed shoes, sandals or thongs are not permitted for safety reasons.
- No excessive or loose jewellery should be worn to school. Earrings worn should be sleepers or studs. Necklaces, bracelets, bangles etc. should not be worn to school. This is a safety issue and also prevents loss or damage to expensive items.

All items purchased at Beleza conform to the school's Student Dress Code and offer parent's peace of mind in regards to Student Dress Code compliance. Items may be purchased at other outlets but must conform to the standards detailed above.

Exemption of the Student Dress Code will be granted where:

- An aspect of the code offends the religious belief held by the student;
- An aspect of the code prevents the student from complying with a requirement of his ethnic or cultural background;
- An aspect of the code prevents students with disabilities from being able to attend school or participate in school activities on the same terms as other students;
- The student has a particular health condition that requires an aspect of the code to be departed from.

In the case of where the parents can demonstrate particular economic hardship that prevents them from complying with the code arrangements can be made with the Principal by contacting the school.

In instances where parents do not support the Student Dress Code the School Council has determined the following **procedure**:

1. The principal will send a standard letter to the parent reminding them of their responsibility in ensuring the adherence to the school's Dress Code.
2. If this fails to solve the matter, the Principal will arrange a meeting with the parents to discuss the matter.
3. If no satisfactory explanation is received or compliance to the Student Dress Code is not shown then the matter will be referred to the School Council.

4. Evaluation and review

A review of the Uniform Policy will be undertaken every two years.

The review will be the responsibility of the school's Leadership Team and will be based on feedback from participants and other staff members responsible for the policy's implementation.

This policy was ratified by school council on 23rd October 2018.